



District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR)
Spring 2023 Transitioning Investigator Awards Program
CALL FOR CONCEPT SHEETS
DEADLINE: February 13, 2023

Background

The District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR) is pleased to announce that we are now soliciting research concept sheets for the next round of the Transitioning Investigator Award Program. This competitive program seeks to provide pilot research funds to established investigators in non-HIV fields who would then use the pilot data to apply for NIH funding in HIV/AIDS research. These awards are for two-year pilot projects; up to \$100,000 can be requested. An additional one-year no cost extension may be requested with strong justification.

The mission of the DC CFAR is to expand our multi-institutional effort to support research aimed at ending the HIV epidemic in Washington, DC and beyond in partnership with local government and community. To learn more about the DC CFAR, please visit: <https://dccfar.gwu.edu/>

Eligibility Information

Faculty investigators at the nine participating DC CFAR institutions (American University, Children's National, DC Health, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Howard University, Us Helping Us, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and Whitman-Walker) who are full members of the DC CFAR are eligible to apply. Applications for new membership will be accepted just prior to or at time of submission if the PI meets the eligibility criteria. For membership information, please visit the [DC CFAR website](#).

Principal Investigators must be established investigators who have served as the PI on a non-HIV/AIDS related R01 NIH award or equivalent, including DP1, DP2, DP5, R37, R56, RF1, RL1, U01 and R35; have a doctoral degree; hold a current academic faculty appointment; and be eligible to submit NIH grant applications through their home institution's office of research.

Investigators who have ever received a DC CFAR Transitioning Investigator Award are not eligible to apply.

Scope of Research

The Transitioning Investigator Awards Program specifically funds research projects with a focus on HIV/AIDS and related opportunistic illnesses, including basic, clinical, epidemiologic, social, behavioral, and prevention HIV/AIDS science. Applications should focus on the NIH-defined high priority HIV/AIDS research areas (<https://www.oar.nih.gov/hiv-policy-and-research/research-priorities>) which broadly include: HIV cure research; reducing HIV/AIDS incidence; the next generation of HIV therapies; HIV-associated comorbidities, coinfections, and complications; and cross cutting areas of basic research and health disparities. [Clinical trials](#) and studies involving new drugs, treatments, or devices cannot be funded by the DC CFAR.

Concept Sheet Instructions

Interested applicants should submit 1) one-page concept sheet using the [PHS 398 Continuation Form Page](#) and 2) NIH biosketch to the DC CFAR Senior Research Program Manager, Lorena Segarra, at lsegarra@gwu.edu by **5:00 pm ET February 13**. Concept sheets should include the following: proposed title, listing of any co-investigators and/or HIV mentors, specific aims, background, approach, and significance of expected findings or results. Concept sheets should not exceed one page, single spaced, Arial 11 font.

Concept sheets will be reviewed by the DC CFAR Developmental Core to identify applicants who will be invited to submit full applications. Identified applicants will be notified and sent application instructions by **February 22**. **The deadline for invited full applications is April 19, 2023.** The DC CFAR may fund one award in this cycle.

Questions? Please contact DC CFAR Senior Research Program Manager Lorena Segarra at lsegarra@gwu.edu