

Request for Applications (RFA)
Pilot Project Grants funded by the Chicago D-CFAR

The Chicago Developmental Center for AIDS Research (D-CFAR) is pleased to announce a pilot project grant program. Eligible applicants are those at the three Chicago D-CFAR institutions; Rush University Medical Center; University of Illinois at Chicago; Cook County Bureau of Health Services. Awards are limited to the following categories of principal investigators

1. pilot awards to foster the careers of early stage investigators in HIV/AIDS,
2. pilot awards to established investigators in other fields who wish to expand into HIV/AIDS research,
3. pilot awards given to investigators proposing to forge new interdisciplinary collaborations to promote research in HIV/AIDS.

Applications to be funded are those that are judged to have the greatest likelihood of generating pilot data that will lead to external (e.g. NIH) funding.

Applications may be in any research area in HIV/AIDS. However, applicants are encouraged to submit grants in one of the three Chicago D-CFAR emphasis areas; HIV and aging; HIV and women; Drug abuse and HIV.

This cycle of review the D-CFAR anticipates funding 3 grants, of up to \$25,000 direct costs each. The **deadline is November 15, 2009**. Another round of applications will be solicited for May 15, 2010.

For further details and updates go to www.chicagocfar.org. Applications will be submitted to belinda_beach@rush.edu by 6pm on the deadline date.

Application details.

Only submissions containing all of the following forms compiled into one pdf in this order will be accepted.

1. Abstract (398 form page 2-use only the first page of this form with the principal investigators name prominently displayed).
2. Research Plan (5 page limit, use 398 continuation pages). This contains specific aims, background, preliminary studies and experimental design. References are not included in the 5 page limit. In the specific aims section, clearly state the type of investigator that is applying (see the 3 types above). A brief statement of specific planned research grant submissions based on results obtained from the proposed research is strongly required.
3. NIH-style Biographical sketch (3 page limit, use NIH 398 form).
4. NIH-style modular budget and budget justification (one page limit).

Use current NIH forms PHS 398 (Revised 11/2007)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>

For applications that use human subjects or animals, approval from the IRB or IACUC committees at the appropriate institutions will have to be obtained before funds are released, but this can be done on a just-in-time basis.

Investigators can submit only one application as PI for each deadline.