



*University of California*

**Universitywide AIDS  
Research Program**

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Up to \$37,500 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years (\$75,000 cap)  
*Postdoctoral Fellowships in Biomedical Translational Research and Development:*  
Up to \$45,000 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years (\$90,000 cap)  
*Clinical Research Fellowships:*  
Up to \$45,000 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years (\$90,000 cap)  
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Up to \$120,000 per year in direct costs for 1 or 2 years (\$240,000 cap)

*Awards pursuant to this announcement are contingent on the availability of funds allocated to the University of California by the state legislature.*



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**2007  
Call for Applications**

***Online submission required for all 2007 applications. Deadline: April 3, 2007.***

For instructions visit the UARP website at <http://uarp.ucop.edu> beginning January 10, 2007.

## Informational Teleconferences

- Wednesday, January 17, 2007
- Monday, January 22, 2007

Specific information for registering for the teleconference will be posted on the web at <http://uarp.ucop.edu> by January 10, 2007.

Understanding the intent of the award mechanism and the application review process is central to the success of applicants. Participation by all potential applicants at one of these teleconferences is encouraged.

During these meetings, program representatives will describe the intent of all award mechanisms and funding opportunities. They will also answer questions about the evaluation process and the potential relevance of proposed research projects to the goals of the current UARP funding program.

## Funding Cycle Dates

September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008 (for all UARP awards)

Letter of Intent submission deadline (for Community Collaborative Research Award only):  
February 6, 2007

Application submission deadline:  
April 3, 2007

Funding notification:  
Mid-August 2007

Award start date:  
September 1, 2007

## IDEAs (Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards)

These awards support HIV/AIDS-related pilot studies within and across a variety of biomedical, social/behavioral, epidemiological, clinical, health services, policy and prevention research areas. IDEA research awards provide funds for studies that are innovative, creative, intellectually exciting, and show clear promise to yield findings that have a potential for high pay-off within the grant period and that show clear promise to yield findings that could serve as the basis for well-defined future work in a new area of HIV/AIDS research.

### IDEAs are intended for:

- All non-profit research, academic, and community-based institutions in California.
- New or experienced investigators testing new ideas and/or approaches.
- Grants are one-time, non-renewable awards for a flexible period up to a maximum of 24 months.
- The applicant must have principal investigator status at a nonprofit institution in California with at least 10% effort contributed to the proposed study.
- Awards may not exceed a total of \$100,000 in direct costs over the entire proposed project period.
- Indirect costs up to 25% of eligible direct costs are provided to non-University of California institutions.
- The IDEA Award Mechanism is intended both for investigators with experience in HIV-related disease research, as well as for new investigators who are interested in furthering a career path in HIV/AIDS research.

### Reviewers will evaluate IDEA applications for:

- Responsiveness: extent to which the proposed work addresses the intent and requirements of the award.
- Significance and potential for advancing science in HIV/AIDS.
- Innovation in concept, approach, and/or methods.
- Clarity of the research problem.
- Strength and feasibility of the conceptual framework, analytical plan and methodology.
- Investigator's demonstrated experience or potential (if new investigator) to conduct the proposed research.
- Attentiveness to the needs of California.

Support is limited to aspects of the proposal that are pilot in nature.

## Research Training Awards

These awards support dissertation research, postdoctoral research, and clinical research training.

### Research Training Awards are intended for:

- Accredited non-profit research, academic, and community-based institutions in California.
- HIV/AIDS-related studies within a variety of biomedical, social/behavioral, clinical, health services, epidemiological, policy, and prevention research areas.

## UARP Awards At-a-Glance

Grant Mechanism	Purpose	Award amounts/ project duration	Application deadline
IDEAs (Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards)	For pilot studies that apply novel methods and approaches or challenge existing paradigms in HIV/AIDS research.	Up to \$100,000 total in direct costs for up to 2 years	April 3, 2007
Research Training Awards	Dissertation, Postdoctoral Research, Biomedical Translational and Clinical Research fellowships under a designated mentor/advisor in a field related to HIV/AIDS.	Dissertation Research: Up to \$25,000 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years Postdoctoral Fellowships: Up to \$37,500 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years Biomedical Translational or Clinical Fellowships: Up to \$45,000 per year in direct costs for up to 2 years	April 3, 2007
Community Collaborative Research Awards	HIV/AIDS policy, prevention and health services research; collaborations between scientific investigators & community-based, service or policy settings.	Up to \$120,000 per year in direct costs for 1 or 2 years	April 3, 2007 (Letter of intent due February 6, 2007)

### Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Biomedical Research and Development is intended for:

- Research projects involving collaboration between a non-profit research or academic institution and a biomedical industry partner in California.
- Postdoctoral Fellows at accredited non-profit research or academic institutions in California.
- HIV/AIDS-related studies with a clear potential for the eventual development of a commercial product and/or patentable intellectual property. Areas of interest include drug development, vaccine development, gene therapy or diagnostics for HIV.

### Research Training Awards feature:

**A. Dissertation Research Awards** are provided to support doctoral candidates conducting HIV/AIDS-related dissertation research.

- Dissertation awards provide a maximum stipend of \$25,000 per year for up to 2 years.
- No indirect costs are provided for research training awards.
- Students must be enrolled in a doctoral program at a California university.
- Students must have successfully completed their qualifying examinations for doctoral candidacy by September 1, 2007. Doctoral candidates must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card holders), or hold a valid F-1 (student) visa.
- Awards may be used for stipends, tuition and fees, and dissertation-related supplies and expenses.

## How to Apply

Applications must be submitted through a nonprofit research, academic, or community-based institution in California.

All application submissions must be made online through the *proposalCENTRAL* website at <https://v2.ramscompany.com>, which can be accessed directly or via the UARP website link at <http://uarp.ucop.edu>. UARP 2007 application materials will be available at the *proposalCENTRAL* website beginning January 10, 2007. The instructions will also be available on the UARP website at: <http://uarp.ucop.edu>.

For technical assistance with the online application process, contact *proposalCENTRAL* from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Pacific Time.

- Call toll-free (800) 875-2562 ext. 227 or (301) 916-4557
- E-mail: [support@ramscompany.com](mailto:support@ramscompany.com)

Application deadline is April 3, 2007.

## Resubmissions

Resubmissions from previous award cycles are encouraged and should be responsive to the critiques generated by a previous UARP review. Applicants with resubmissions are encouraged to contact UARP program officers to ensure their understanding of the critiques and compliance with the resubmission format.

## Program Officers

All applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate UARP program officer before submitting an application for any grant mechanism. Contact with the program officers provides a feedback mechanism that applicants can take advantage of and use in the drafting of their proposals.

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- The doctoral candidate is the awardee of record, and the faculty advisor serves as the institutional sponsor. The proposal must be conceptualized and written by the doctoral candidate in consultation with the advisor.
- Previous awardees cannot apply for an additional dissertation award from UARP.
- Except under special and compelling circumstances, no more than one Dissertation Award with the same advisor can be recommended for funding in the same award period.
- Dissertation Awards are intended for specific advisor-student relationships, and they may not be transferred to other individuals.

**B. Postdoctoral or Clinical Research Fellowship Awards** are designed to support individuals who wish to obtain postdoctoral or clinical research training in HIV/AIDS-related fields and to foster mentoring activities by established HIV/AIDS researchers.

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowships provide a maximum of \$37,500 per year for up to 2 years, plus up to \$3,000 per year for health benefits. Biomedical Translational Research and Clinical Research Fellowships provide a maximum of \$45,000 per year for up to 2 years, plus up to \$3,000 per year for health benefits.
- No indirect costs are provided for research training awards.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship/Biomedical Translational Fellowship applicants must hold a research or professional degree (Ph.D., Dr.P.H., M.D., or other doctoral degree) at the time the award is initiated, must have postdoctoral fellow status at a California institution, and must commit a minimum of 75% effort to the UARP-supported project.
- Clinical fellowship applicants must have a clinical doctoral degree or its equivalent, including but not limited to M.D., D.D.S., D.O., D.C., O.D., D.V.M., or Pharm.D. with current U.S. licenses. Also, similarly licensed individuals with a Ph.D. or other doctoral degree in a clinical discipline such as clinical psychology or nursing are eligible. Clinical Fellowship applicants must commit a minimum of 75% time to the UARP-supported project and must hold a training position at a California institution.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card holders), or hold a valid J-1 or H-1B visa.
- The applicant is the awardee of record, and the faculty mentor serves as the institutional sponsor. The proposal must be conceptualized and written by the postdoctoral/clinical applicant in consultation with the mentor.
- The applicant's mentor must be affiliated with a non-profit research, academic, or community-based institution in California that has appropriate research and training facilities.
- Previous UARP postdoctoral, biomedical translational, and clinical research awardees cannot apply for an additional fellowship from UARP.
- Except under special and compelling circumstances, no more than one Postdoctoral/Biomedical Translational/Clinical Fellowship Award with the same mentor can be recommended for funding in the same award period.
- Postdoctoral or Clinical Fellowship Awards are intended for specific mentor-fellow relationships, and they may not be transferred to other individuals.

### Reviewers will evaluate Research Training Award applications for:

- Strength of concept, approach and methods including the plan for analysis.
- Suitability of the study for research training.
- Relevance to HIV/AIDS.

- Applicant's achievements and potential for a research career.
- Qualifications of the mentor/advisor.
- Suitability of the training environment at the academic institution.
- Attentiveness to the needs of California.

Additional review criteria for Postdoctoral Fellowships in Biomedical Translational Research and Development are:

- Potential for the project to contribute to the eventual development of a viable commercial product or intellectual property.
- Suitability of the combination of the academic/non-profit mentor and the industry mentor to promote the success of the proposed project.
- Suitability of the proposed bi-institutional training plan.
- Applicant's potential for a career in translational research and development.
- Qualifications of the industry mentor.
- Suitability of the training environment at the industry partner.
- Preference will be given to those training plans proposing significant involvement of the industry partner in the project, particularly those plans proposing experimental work conducted by the applicant at the sponsoring company.

## Community Collaborative Research Awards

These awards support HIV/AIDS prevention intervention, policy and health services research collaborations between community-based organizations or AIDS service organizations and academic investigators. The purposes of the collaborative research awards are to encourage partnerships that will address important and timely research questions and to strengthen research infrastructure within service settings. While collaboration with community organizations is the intent of the mechanism, health services and health policy research applicants may wish to propose partnerships with care service delivery sites or other non-profit organizations that are not typically considered community-based organizations. Regardless of the type of collaborating organizations, applicants should demonstrate the specific contributions that each collaborative partner will make to the research and the plans for developing and sustaining the community partner organization's research infrastructure.

**Examples of collaborations** that are highly encouraged include the following, although applications are not limited to these examples:

- Evaluation of existing or modified prevention intervention programs, and development and testing of new interventions that target high-risk populations in California.
- HIV/AIDS policy analyses, testing of policy interventions and specific research projects on HIV/AIDS or related health policy.
- Assessment of the need for and use of health services, quality of care studies, and/or evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of diagnosis and care.

The community partner must be the lead applicant organization. The application should demonstrate that the impetus for the research derives from the community partner, that the community partner plays a strong role in framing the research questions, and that the proposed research will answer questions of primary interest to the community partner. Consequently, the community partner should also take the lead in submission of the Letter of Intent (LOI) and the Application. Successful applicants will join a consortium with UARP program officers to evaluate research results and to exchange information with

## Developing a Grant Proposal

Applicants with little or no experience in developing and writing grant proposals may find that these websites offer useful information about proposal development:

- [http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/catalog.grant\\_proposal\\_dyn.show](http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/catalog.grant_proposal_dyn.show)
- [http://ninds.nih.gov/funding/write\\_grant\\_doc.htm](http://ninds.nih.gov/funding/write_grant_doc.htm)
- <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/extra/extdocs/gntapp.htm>
- <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/ncn/grants/write/index.htm>
- <http://www.asv.org/pdf/laughlin.pdf>

Applicants may also glean useful advice from the following sources:

- <http://www.annals.org/cgi/reprint/142/4/274.pdf>
- <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/DissPropWorkshop/>
- <http://www.aas.org/grants/hints.html>
- <http://www.hfsp.org/how/ArtOfGrants.htm>
- <http://www.research.umich.edu/proposals/PWG/pwgcontents.html>
- <http://www.learnerassociates.net/proposal/>
- <http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>
- <http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2000/01/06/1>

## Mission

The Universitywide AIDS Research Program (UARP) at the University of California provides state funding for the support of merit-reviewed HIV/AIDS-related research to be conducted at nonprofit research institutions throughout California.

The mission of the UARP is to support excellent, timely, and innovative research that is attentive to the needs of California and will accelerate progress towards prevention and a cure for HIV/AIDS.

UARP funding mechanisms are intended to provide a niche that can best serve California investigators and to complement rather than duplicate funding opportunities offered by other sources.

## How to Contact UARP

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the ultimate aim of using research results to affect service delivery and policy development statewide.

- If funded, each of the two collaborating partners will separately receive funds from UARP. If appropriate for the research project, other institution(s) may participate through subcontract(s) from one of the two collaborating partners.
- Awards are up to \$120,000 total in direct costs per year for one or two years.
- Indirect costs up to 25% of eligible direct costs are provided to non-University of California institutions.
- The community partner, as the lead applicant, must provide evidence of experience and/or capacity to serve as the lead institution and must demonstrate the capacity to administer the award.
- The academic co-principal investigator must have principal investigator status at a non-profit California research institution.
- Principal investigators from each of the participating organizations must each contribute a minimum of 10% effort to the project.

### Reviewers will evaluate Community Collaborative Research Award applications for:

- Significance and potential for advancing science in HIV/AIDS.
- Prevention and health services research: the extent to which the results will contribute to advancing prevention and care programs in California.
- Strength of concept, approach and methods, including the plan of analysis.
- Responsiveness: the extent to which the proposal addresses the intent and requirements of the mechanism, including the expectation that the community partner be the lead partner.
- Qualifications and experience of the investigators and the partnering organizations.
- Strengths of the collaboration.
- Attentiveness to the needs of California.

**A Letter of Intent (LOI)** submitted through proposalCENTRAL is required for all Community Collaborative Research Award applications. The purpose of the LOI is to create a feedback mechanism that will provide support for applications through input from UARP staff. The LOI should include the following: (1) the two collaborating co-principal investigators and their affiliations and, if applicable, the name and affiliation of any subcontractor(s); (2) a statement of project purpose; (3) a brief description of the research approach; and (4) current information about experience and/or capacity of the community partner to serve as lead institution, including information about the capacity to manage the UARP research funds. The *LOI should be no more than 2 pages* and must be submitted by the community partner online at <https://v2.ramscompany.com/> by noon Pacific Time (3:00 p.m. Eastern Time), February 6, 2007. Applicants with approved LOIs will be notified by e-mail, and may then proceed to prepare a full application.