Prospective Applicant Webinar: Epidemic Interventions Initiative

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Program Overview

Grants Activities

- **Emphasis on innovative research that does not duplicate research elsewhere**

- **Emphasis on collaboration (also cross-sector)**

- **Emphasis on leverage of grant funds**

- **Emphasis on the California epidemic**

Note that a new strategic plan covering the next four years has been released.

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Call for Applications Overview

- **Reflects the CHRP Strategic Plan, including Stakeholder Input**

- **Strategically targets research (Demo projects for TLC+ and PrEP)**

- **Letter of Intent required**

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Key Provisions of the Call

- **Projects must address both TLC+ and PrEP**

- **Applicants may apply as a single institution or a lead institution with other partner institutions**

- **Either a 501(c)(3) community-based organization or a local health jurisdiction must be included in a consortium, or must be the applicant for a single institution application**

- **Study population requirements**

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Key Provisions of the Call (cont.)

- **Gilead Sciences will provide ARVs for the PrEP arm, pending IRB approval of protocols**

- **Non-UC institutions can request up to 25% of direct costs for indirect costs, flexibility in allocation among non-UC institutions**

- **Funds may be allocated for testing and outreach or each study arm as appropriate**

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Award Amount, Duration, and Requirements

- Up to $1.2 million per year in total direct costs for each award
- Up to 3 awards (intend to fund at least one in Northern CA and at least one in Southern CA, if justified by merit
- Up to 4 year proposed duration
- Indirect Costs: Up to 25% for non-University of California institutions
- One institution takes the lead in preparing and submitting application materials, including the LOI, for multi-institutional proposals
- If applying as a consortium, the lead institution will receive and administer funds
- Project Directors
    - Single Project Director with PI status (at lead institution if applying as a consortium)
    - Single co-Project Director from each additional institution, if applicable
    - Minimum 1.2 person months effort

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Peer Review Process

An in-person study section meeting will be held in the SF Bay Area

Important Feature: Community Reviewers will participate in the peer review process

Merit Review Criteria Summary

- Overall Strength and feasibility
- Experience and capacity for evaluation
- Qualifications of the investigators and the research environment
- Capacity and readiness to implement proposed activities
- Qualifications and experience in TLC+ components
- Feasibility of the workplan to provide practical information for wider implementation
- Inclusion of populations most highly impacted by HIV
- The capacity to form a Community Advisory Board

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The Research Grant Programs Office Contracts and Grants Unit

- Created February 1, 2011

- C and G works in collaboration with multiple research programs, including CHRP.

- C and G serves as the interface on procedural and administrative aspects of your LOI or application and the preparation and submission process

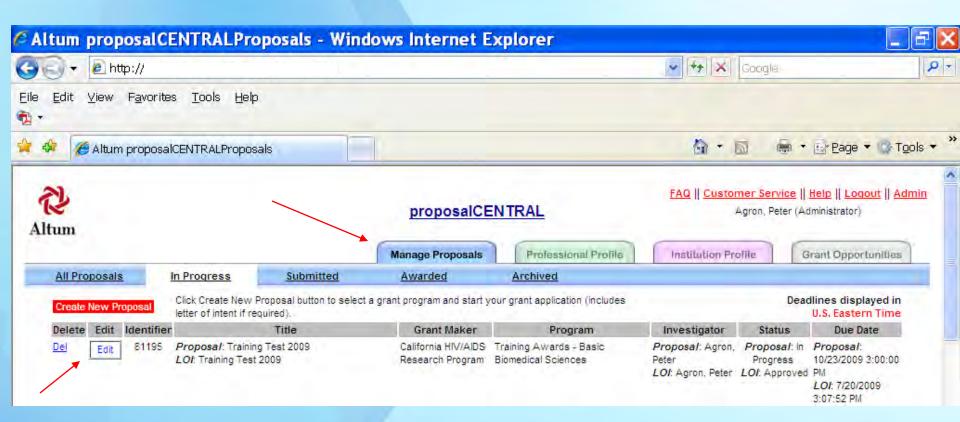- C and G contact info: **RGPOgrants@ucop.edu**; 510-987-9386

Letters of Intent

Required as a prerequisite for all applications

a. Information is entered on-line

b. <u>Letter of Intent Narrative</u>

- Prepared off-line according to the instructions
- Basic description of personnel, institution(s) and project
- Rolling approvals: get it in early (& before noon Tuesday, October 11)

c. Reviewed by CHRP for eligibility

d. Approval provides access to application materials and pages

TIPS:

- Follow the instructions and guidelines, use template provided
- For submission on proposalCENTRAL, Project Director/Applicant must initiate the LOI, then can enable access by others to delegate tasks
- Recommend that Project Director/Applicant provide access to collaborators on proposalCENTRAL

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From Approved LOI to Application:

LOI Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 11th, before noon Pacific Time

Important Dates

- <u>October 11</u>, 2011: LOI due before noon, Pacific Time.
- <u>November 17</u>, 2011: Applications due before noon, Pacific Time.
- March 2012: Funding notification
- April 1, 2012: Award start date

Questions and Answers

- **Contact C and G for clarifications of application procedures or instructions**

- **Contact designated CHRP program officer (Peter Agron) for scientific/research questions**

- **Contact proposalCENTRAL customer service for technical questions**

Questions from prospective applicants?