



The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) and the UAB Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) are pleased to announce a new pilot program to fund collaborative research projects in the area of Non-AIDS Defining Cancers (NADCs) in aging individuals with HIV.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Clinical outcomes research- links between NADC and anti-retroviral therapy (ART) regimens, efficacy of cancer therapies in aging HIV population
- Role of obesity/energetics, microbiome in NADC incidence and outcomes
- Co-infection with HPV or Hepatitis B - basic biology, role in cancer incidence, progression, detection and prevention in aging HIV population
- Immunology and inflammation- role of ART in immunologic response in NADC development, role of PD-L1-mediated immunosuppression in cancer progression in HIV-infected individuals.

Projects based on the CNICS cohort of patients seen at 8 Centers for AIDS Research (CFARs) across the US are encouraged ([www.uab.edu/cnics](http://www.uab.edu/cnics))

#### **TWO-STAGE APPLICATION PROCESS**

##### **LETTER OF INTENT (LOI): due on September 15, 2016**

LOIs should include a project description including relevance, hypotheses and Specific Aims (2 pages). Please email LOIs to Susan Ruppert.

A review panel will select applications to go forward to a full proposal.

##### **FULL PROPOSAL: due on October 31, 2016**

If requested to submit, the full proposal should include significance, preliminary data (helpful if available, but not required), innovation and approach (6 pages). A detailed budget for \$100,000 is also required. Forms and instructions will be provided with the invitation to submit a full application.

**CONTACT** for answers to questions, help in identifying collaborators and to submit applications please email Susan Ruppert ([sruppert@uab.edu](mailto:sruppert@uab.edu))

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