



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MONKEYPOX RAPID RESPONSE
GRANT
AUGUST 2022**

<http://cfar.globalhealth.harvard.edu>

The HU CFAR Monkeypox Rapid Response Grant Program seeks to support and catalyze rapid response research at Harvard University and its affiliated institutions focused on the emerging monkeypox epidemic, in the context of HIV.

The Monkeypox Rapid Response RFP has a rolling deadline, and applications will be administratively reviewed as they are received.

MONKEYPOX RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

To be eligible for CFAR funding, projects must be within [NIH's HIV/AIDS research high or medium priority areas](#) and clearly linked to HIV.

Examples of potential project areas may include (but are not limited to):

- Understanding susceptibility, local transmission, risk factors for, and clinical outcomes of monkeypox in people living with HIV or those at increased risk of HIV;
- The effects of the monkeypox outbreak on health outcomes in one or both priority populations;
- Health equity research related to monkeypox care delivery or treatment for one or both priority populations;
- Community-engaged research on stigma reduction and/or prevention messaging aimed at preventing acquiring HIV and/or monkeypox among one or both priority populations;
- Implementation science research on the local response in the context of a monkeypox outbreak and the implications for HIV prevention/care delivery for one or both priority populations;
- Monkeypox virology and/or immune responses in one or both priority populations;
- Uptake of and immune responses to approved and candidate monkeypox vaccines in one or both priority populations;
- Basic research, including use of animal models, to better understand the intersection of monkeypox virus and HIV.

Clinical trials are not allowed. CFAR funds cannot be used for clinical research studies that include randomization to one or more interventions to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes. Clinical studies that do not fall under the definition of a clinical trial may be allowed. A clinical trial is defined as a research study in which one or more human participants are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes. For further guidance, visit the following links:

- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-015.html>
- <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/definition.htm>

Applicants considering submission of proposals that might be considered clinical trials are strongly encouraged to seek advice from CFAR personnel (bethany_booth@harvard.edu).

ELIGIBILITY

Early-career investigators and investigators without prior HIV-related R01 or R01 equivalent funding are eligible to submit proposals, regardless of academic rank. Applicants must hold an appointment/position at any Harvard University School or one of its affiliated institutions, including (but not limited to) BIDMC, BWH, BCH, DFCI, Fenway Health, MGH, and Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard.

FUNDING

Direct Costs: You may request up to \$25,000 for one year. Proposed budgets should accurately reflect the costs of the work; smaller budget amounts, when appropriate, are acceptable and encouraged.

Indirect (Overhead) Costs: The HU CFAR will award indirect costs at the rate of 25 percent for the domestic portion of the budget and 8 percent for the international portion of the budget, if any.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- **NIH 398 Form Page 1: Face Page** (*Note that signature of an authorized Institutional Official of your Research Administration Department will be required prior to setting up your account if chosen for funding. Institutional signature is not required at the time of submission.*)
- **NIH 398 Form Page 2**
- **NIH 398 Form Page 4: Detailed Budget Page**
- **Budget Justification**
- **Research Strategy (1-3 pages): Significance, Innovation and Approach**
- **Biosketch Page for all Key Personnel** (optional at the time of submission, but will be required if chosen for funding)

Application Form: Applications must be submitted using NIH PHS 398 forms dated Rev. 03/2020 Approved Through 02/28/2023. The most recent forms and instructions are available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>.

Applications should be emailed to Mark Ingaciola, HU CFAR Administrative Director, at mark_ingaciola@harvard.edu with cc to Bethany Booth, HU CFAR Financial and Developmental Core Program Manager, at bethany_booth@harvard.edu.

Questions about the application requirements should also be submitted by email to Mark Ingaciola or Bethany Booth.