California HIV/AIDS Research Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

Applicant Webinar April 27, 2023

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Webinar Agenda

- Overview of funding opportunities
- Question on funding opportunities
- Walk through SmartSimple online application platform
- Program questions and next steps



CHRP Mission

To support PIs in CA to develop, evaluate, and disseminate innovative research for eliminating new HIV infections; optimizing treatment uptake and outcomes for all PLWH; and addressing the comorbidities and social determinants that threaten the health and well-being of persons at risk for or living with HIV infection.

Strategic Direction 2020

- Helping to achieve HIV epidemic control in CA by 2025
- High-risk, high-reward, high-rigor research
- Priority areas not addressed by other funders
- Implementation science to yield cost-effective approaches
- Complexity science recognizes bio /personal / soc / structural; syndemics recognizes common co-morbidities
- Social determinants of health; inequitable access; disparate outcomes



Overview of Funding Opportunities

- 1. Measuring the Impact of Racism on the HIV Epidemic in California
- 2. Basic Biomedical and Translational Science Discovery Initiative
- 3. Social and Behavioral Intervention Pilot Studies to Support HIV Prevention and Care
- 4. Community-Centered Demonstration Projects to Support Implementation of Long-Acting Injectable PrEP Adoption Across California



Things to Note/Relevant Changes

- Timeline around questions (due May 5th)
- Competitive LOI review for all mechanisms to limit applicant pool
- Basic Bio and Social/Behavioral Pilots are early-stage investigator awards
- Linking proposed work to epidemic control strategies helpful
- In full applications:
 - Emphasis on Approach and Feasibility
 - Supporting sections not included in page count encouraged
 - Include sex as a biological variable
- Diversity supplements available for all four mechanisms at end of YR01
- UC Indirect rates will increase this summer to 35%



Approach Sections

- Overall Research Plan and Design
- Conceptual Framework(s) may not be applicable for all applications
- Implementation Strategy
- Dissemination Plan
- Management Plan



Measuring the Impact of Racism on the HIV Epidemic in California

Requirements

Award Type

- Methodological pilot studies
- PI: any career stage welcome

Goals/Objectives

- Develop, refine, test, and/or validate methods of measuring the impact of racism on HIV-STI epidemics
- Create cohort of anti-racism scholars with special skills in methods and measurements
- Yield data needed to compete for larger grants
- No preconceived preferred topics/methods

Expectations

- Anti-racism framework
- Community-centered approaches
- Significant issue, relevant to CA epidemic communities
- Robust approach, rigorous study design

Review Criteria

LOI

- Anti-Racism Framework/Theory and Context (40%)
- Significance and Potential Impact (30%)
- Approach and Feasibility (20%)
- Innovation (10%)

Full Application

- Anti-Racism Framework/Theory and Context (30%)
- Impact and Innovation (30%)
- Approach and Feasibility (40%)

Budget

\$337,500 in total costs over two years

- Direct costs up to \$250,000
- Indirect costs up to 35%



Basic Biomedical and Translational Science Discovery Initiative

Requirements

Award Type

- Pilot studies
- NEW: Early-Stage Investigators only

Goals/Objectives

- Fund highly innovative ideas
- Yield data needed to compete for larger grants
- No preconceived preferred topics/methods

Expectations

- Timely issues or emerging ideas
- High risk, high potential reward is good
- Significant issue, relevant to CA epidemic communities
- Robust approach, rigorous study design

Review Criteria

LOI

- Innovation (50%)
- Significance and Potential Impact (25%)
- Approach and Feasibility (25%)

Full Application

- Innovation (30%)
- Significance (20%)
- Approach and Feasibility (50%)

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\$270,000 in total costs over two years

- Direct costs up to \$200,000
- Indirect costs up to 35%



Social and Behavioral Intervention Pilot Studies to Support HIV Prevention and Care

Requirements

Award Type

- Pilot studies
- NEW: Early-Stage Investigators only

Goals/Objectives

- Rooted in the social and behavioral sciences
- Support HIV/AIDS prevention and/or care interventions that increasing knowledge or reducing disparate health outcomes
- Articulate how work will support local/ regional/national strategies
- Pilot project focused on innovation ideas that can generate new data for future projects

Review Criteria

LOI

- Innovation and Collaboration (50%)
- Significance and Potential Impact (30%)
- Approach and Feasibility (20%)

Full Application

- Innovation (30%)
- Significance (30%)
- Approach and Feasibility (40%)

Budget

\$310,500 in total costs over **two years**

- direct costs up to \$230,000 total
- indirect costs up to 35%



Community-Centered Demonstration Projects to Support Implementation of Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) PrEP Adoption Across California

Requirements

Award Type

- Demonstration Projects
- Multi-investigator awards

Goal/Objectives

- Integration of LAI PrEP into new/existing community prevention strategies
- Focus on traditional (clinic) and nontraditional (pop-up) settings with a SDH focus
- Projects focused on collaborative approaches involving broad-based partnerships encouraged
- Evaluation strategies for measuring impacts
 and feasibility to support long-term success

Review Criteria

LOI

- Innovation and Collaboration (50%)
- Significance and Potential Impact (30%)
- Approach and Feasibility (20%)

Full Application

- Innovation and Collaboration (20%)
- Impact (15%)
- Sustainability (15%)
- Approach (50%)

Budget

\$2,025,000 in total costs over **four years**

- Direct costs up to \$1,500,000
- Indirect costs up to 35%



Comparison of Requirements for All RFPs

RFP	Mechanism	Budget / Duration	PI Requirements	Max Submissions
Measuring the Impact of Racism on the HIV Epidemic	Methodological Pilot	\$250k direct over 2yrs	Any Career Stage OK	One LOI as PI
			Multiple PIs OK	One Full App as PI
Basic Bio and Translational Science Discovery	Pilot	\$200k direct over 2yrs	Early-Stage PIs only	One LOI as PI
			Multiple PIs OK	One Full App as PI
Social and Behavioral Intervention Pilot Studies	Pilot	\$230k direct over 2yrs	Early-Stage PIs only	One LOI as PI
			Multiple PIs OK	One Full App as PI
Implementation of Long- Acting Injectable PrEP	Demonstration Projects	\$1.5M direct over 4yrs	Any Career Stage OK	Multiple LOIs Allowed
			Multiple PIs OK	Multiple Full Apps Allowed



Key Dates & Timeline

Key Event	Date			
Questions Due	May 5, 2023			
LOI Due				
Basic Biomedical & Social and Behavioral Intervention Pilots	May 18, 2023			
LAI PrEP & Measuring Impacts of Racism	May 25, 2023			
Full Applications Due				
Basic Biomedical & Social and Behavioral Intervention Pilots	July 20, 2023			
LAI PrEP & Measuring Impacts of Racism	July 27, 2023			
Award Notifications Sent Out	December 1, 2023			
Award Start Date	February 1, 2024			



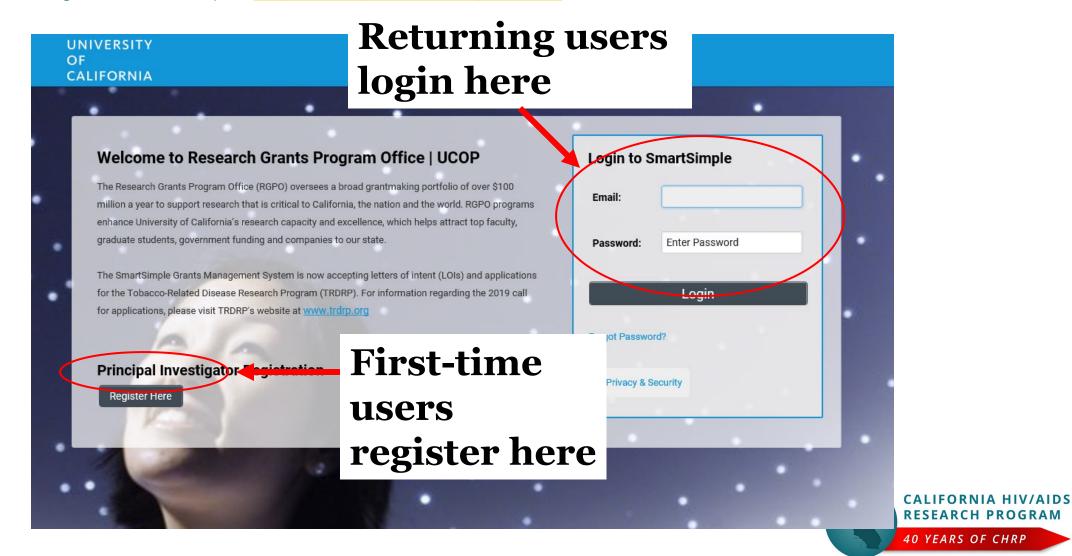
RFP Questions?

- Please type questions into the chat
- We will publish all of today's questions and our responses on our website
- After today: further questions due by Friday, May 5th
 - Email to chrp@ucop.edu
 - All questions and our responses will be added to the Q&A document published on our website



Accessing SmartSimple

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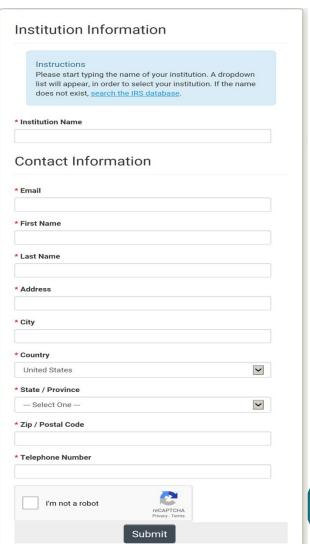


Creating an Account on SmartSimple

https://ucop.smartsimple.com

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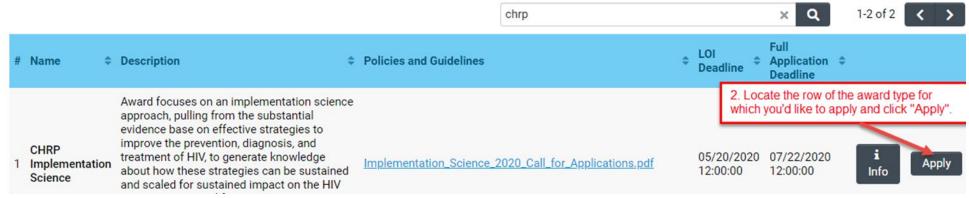




Preparing and Submitting an LOI



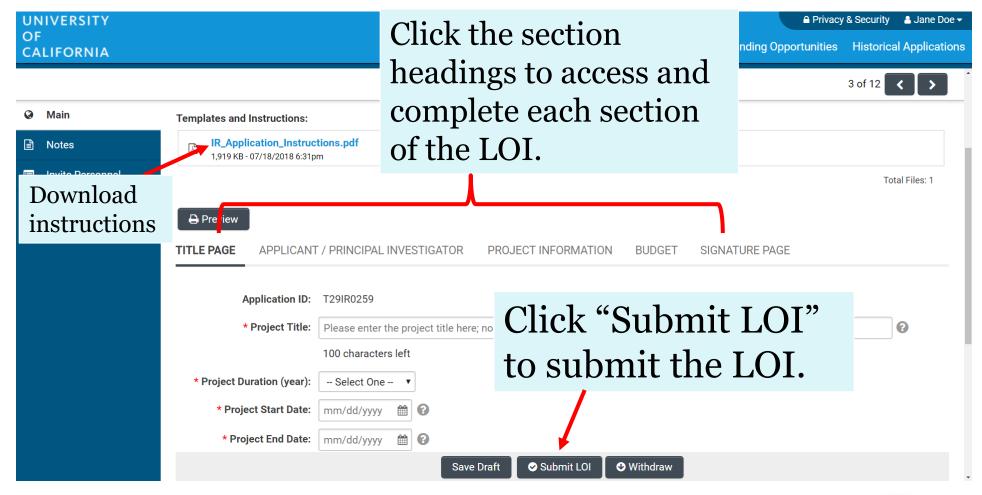
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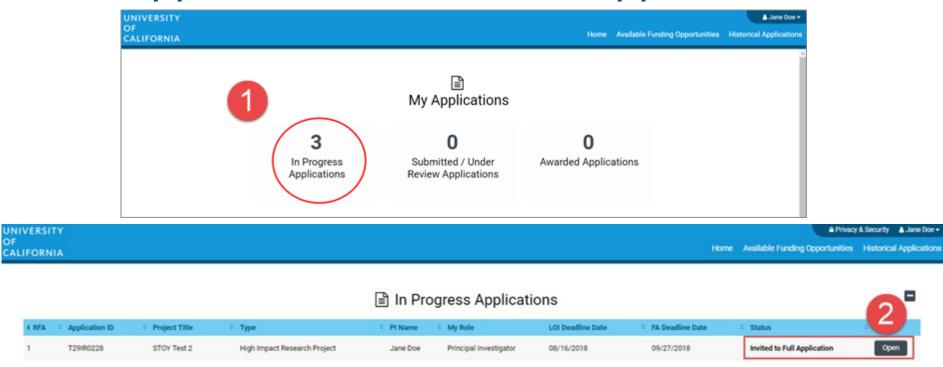


LOI Submission Steps





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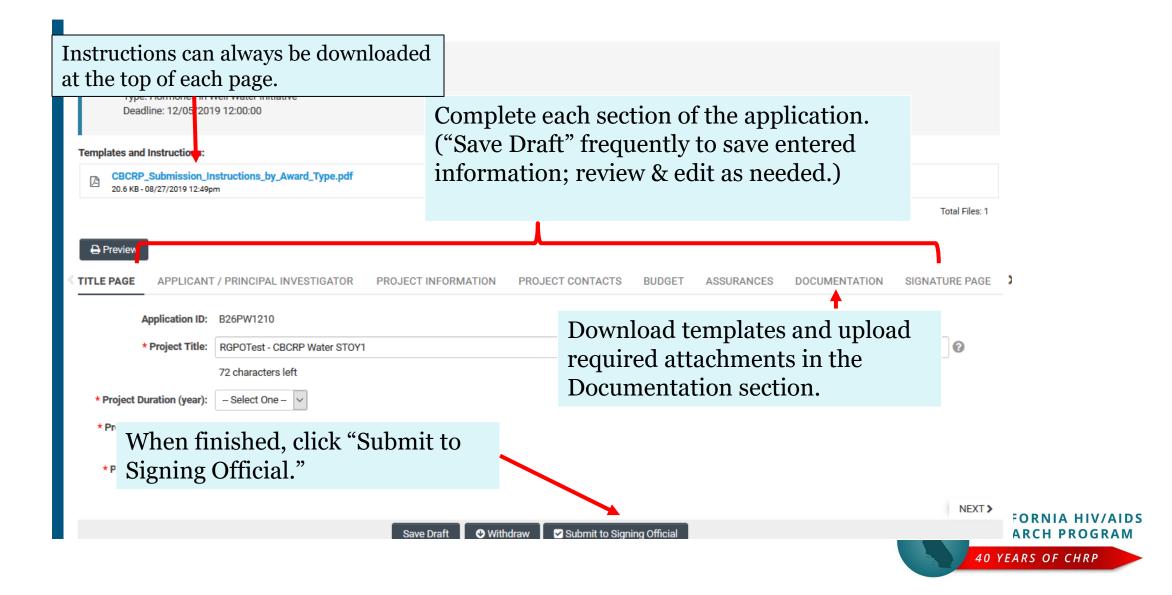


- 1. Click on "In Progress Applications."
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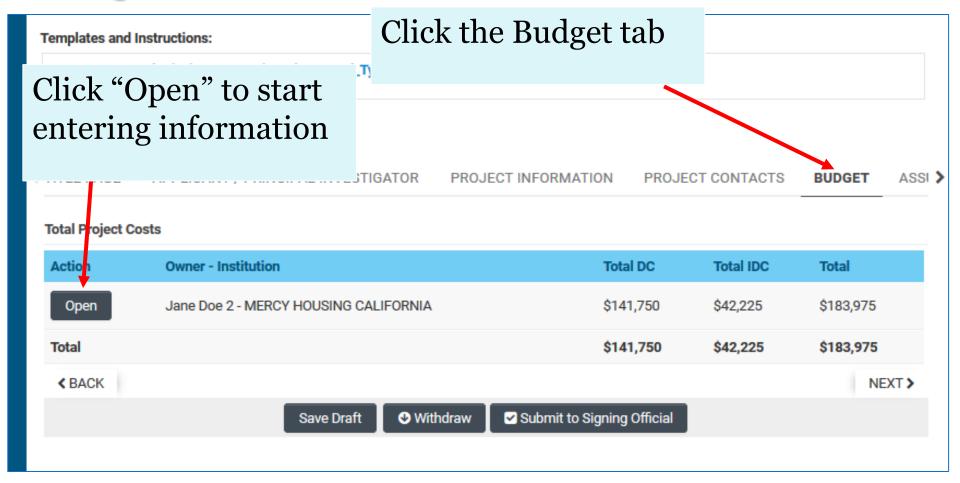
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40 YEARS OF CHRP

Application Submission



Budget tab

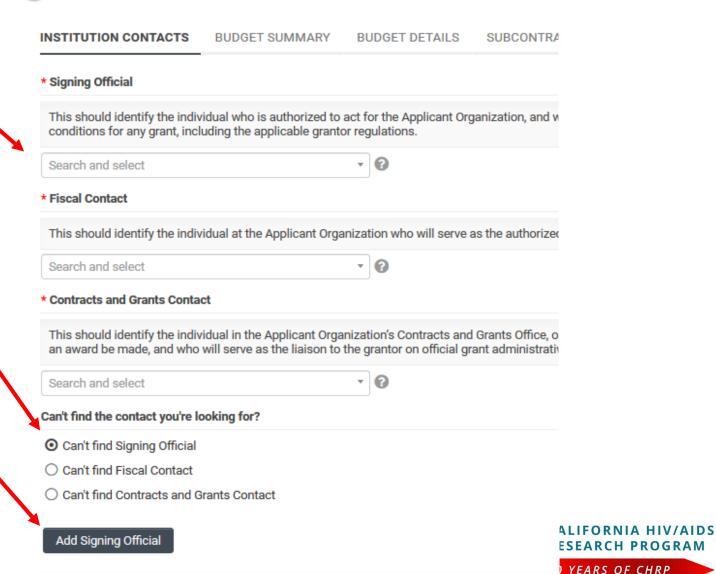




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If you cannot find their name in the list, click "Can't find Signing Official."
Then click "Add Signing Official."



Budget tab - Editing the budget

Translational Research Award Application » Budget

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Budget Instructions:

Please open the budget and carefully read the limits set on the call for applications. If exceeded, system will alert and user is required to adjust the numbers.

INSTITUTION CONTACTS

BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET DETAILS

SUBCONTRACT BUDGET DETAILS

Please click the Edit Budget button below to enter your budget information.

Edit Budget

Budget Summary

Jane Doe 1 - MERCY HOUSING Do not click "Budget Complete" until you have entered all the necessary budget figures and justification notes – clicking this button will lock your budget and you will not be able to make additional edits.





Budget tab - Editing the budget

Scroll down to "Personnel Costs." Click "+" to add a new row.

Entries will populate in the budget summary at the top of the page.

Enter budget justification.

Repeat for all budget categories.

Budget Detail Justification

For each person supported by this grant, describe their contribution to the project

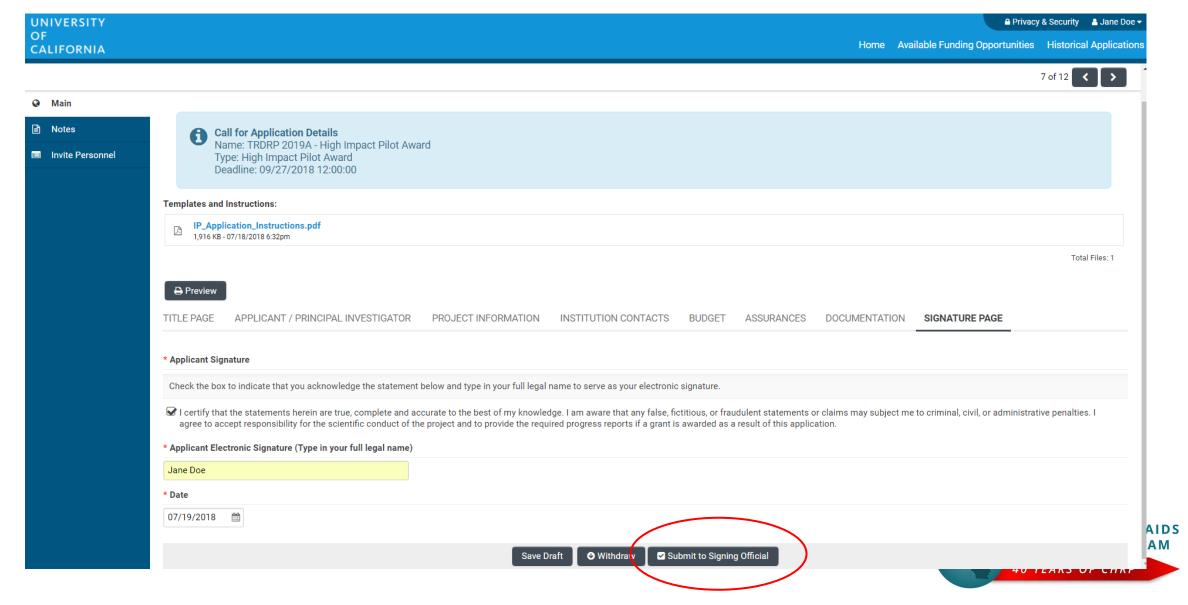
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Questions?

For programmatic questions:

- Measuring Impacts of Racism & Basic Biomedical:
 - Lisa Loeb Stanga, <u>lisa.loeb.stanga@ucop.edu</u>
- Social/Behavioral Interventions & LAI PrEP:
 - Rhodri Dierst-Davies, <u>Rhodri.Dierst-Davies@ucop.edu</u>

For questions about *Smart Simple*, technical issues, or application instructions and forms, contact

- Research Grants Program Office, Contracts and Grants Unit
 - RGPOgrants@ucop.edu

