

New Questions Posted After 26April2024

Does the LOI need to list all the personnel that will be participating in the project if funded?

NEW:
5/8/2024

The LOI need not list any personnel other than the PI.

The RFP for Low Barrier mentioned the possibility of Phase II funding in the future, when will plans to offer that funding be announced?

NEW:
5/25/2024

While we understand the importance of continuity in funding, it is too soon to provide information about potential plans for Phase II funding. As a frame of reference, the Awards for Phase I will start March 1, 2025, and continue through February 28, 2026. Funding announcements for new RFPs will be released April 1, 2026. We understand this may impact the decision to apply for this funding.

Does the LOI need to be signed by or submitted by my institutional signing official?

NEW:
5/28/2024

No. The LOI can be submitted directly from the PI (although your institution may have different rules). Full applications (not LOIs) must be submitted by your institutional signing official.

Questions About Eligibility and Investigators

Can a recent PhD graduate with no prior HIV funding be the PI as New Investigator? (adding an experienced PI as Key Personnel)

4/25/2024

Yes, new investigators are encouraged to apply. Please check with your institution to ensure they have granted or will grant you "PI Status" and will allow you to apply as PI. See the RFP under "Eligibility" for more information.

What are the criteria to submit as a New Investigator? How do I know if I am a New Investigator or not?

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Section 5 of both RFPs explains the criteria used by CHRP to determine if you are a New Investigator by our program. If you have questions, please email the Program Officer for the RFP you are applying to.

Can I submit an LOI if I have a current CHRP grant?

Yes, current grantees are welcome to apply.

Can we apply as a partnership and if so, are there parameters around the partnership?

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Multiple PIs are not allowed on either of the two RFPs in 2024. However, collaborations with a single PI and multiple Co-Investigators (but not Co-PIs) are welcome.

Can we include Community Co-Is to either of these RFPs?

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Yes, as Co-Investigators, but not as Co-Principal Investigators.

Questions About Budgets

Does the LOI require a preliminary budget, or a detailed budget?

4/25/2024

There is no budget required with the LOI. Detailed budgets (not preliminary, not modular) are required at the time of full application.

For the Economic Justice RFP, the example indicated that \$500 and \$1,000 for six or twelve months would be options. Can we use dollar amounts or time frames that are different from these two examples?

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Yes, the dollar amount and time frame are entirely up to you, these were just general examples.

Questions About Award Requirements

Was the LOI due date changed? And is the new due date the same for both the Economic Justice and the Low Barrier RFPs?	4/25/2024	The due date was extended: LOIs for both RFPs are now due on May 30th no later than 12:00 Noon (instead of May 16th).
What URL should I use to access SmartSimple?	4/25/2024	https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu/
Are there page or character limits for the LOI?	4/25/2024	Section 10 of both RFPs is a checklist for each area of the LOI; if there are character limits for any area, the limit is specified in this section of the RFP.
Are LOIs reviewed for merit? Or only eligibility criteria?	4/25/2024	LOIs are reviewed for both eligibility and merit.
Is the low barrier focused primarily on communities in California or the global HIV population such as minority groups in subsaharan Africa?	4/25/2024	All activities must take place in California, and the proposed research should be applicable to the communities that are most affected by HIV in California (as opposed to communities that are highly affected by HIV in non-California locations).
Are activities and research performed within California but affecting also global minority subtypes of HIV allowed?	4/25/2024	If your proposal will address HIV-2 instead of HIV-1 (which is prevalent here in California) or HIV subtype C instead of subtype B (which is prevalent here in California), please contact the Program Officer on the RFP you are applying to for more guidance.