Office of Research Development
Limited Submission Funding Opportunity
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Early HIV Treatment to Optimize Patient Health and HIV Prevention

Please note the short timeline.

**FOA#:** RFA-PS-16-006

The purpose of this program is to support the conduct of a mixed-methods health services research study to assess models for the implementation of immediate antiretroviral therapy (ART) for persons with newly diagnosed acute and early HIV infection. Models will be implemented and evaluated in two to three HIV care settings. These implementation studies will allow a better understanding of clinical outcomes and patients’ experiences with immediate initiation of antiretroviral (ARV) treatment, including: 1) time to viral suppression and the proportion of patients who remain virally suppressed 12 months after their diagnosis, 2) retention in HIV care, 3) satisfaction with clinical care, 4) changes in HIV transmission risk behavior, and 5) laboratory markers of HIV infection. Collaborations and partnerships with clinics providing primary HIV care and ART for young black men who have sex with men are strongly recommended.

An estimated $4,950,000 total funding will be available for each award for the entire four-year project period.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
One application per institution is allowed.

**KEY DATES**

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by December 21, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is February 19, 2016.
COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, Director of ORD, for more information.

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