

CFAR ADELANTE Program Call for Applications

Purpose

Hispanic/Latino populations in the United States currently bear a disproportionate burden of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. *Adelante* means *forward* or *onward* in Spanish. The acronym ADELANTE, suggesting progress or advancement, was honed from the full title of the mentorship program— **Assisted Development of Early-Career Researchers Focusing on Latino/Hispanic-Community _ AIDS Investigations of Prevention, Treatment, and Care**. The goals of the *Adelante* Program are to decrease HIV-related health disparities in the Hispanic/Latino community and to promote the mentored development of new investigators to focus on HIV/AIDS in Hispanic/Latino populations.

Overview

In this program, the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded Centers for AIDS Research (CFARs) will support 2-year *Adelante* Team projects that include a 4 month Research Preparation period followed by a Research Implementation period of approximately 20 months.

Each CFAR *Adelante* Team will consist of: a **Principal Investigator (PI)/ Scholar**, a **CFAR Mentor**, and a **Collaborating Partner**, who each meet the eligibility criteria listed below. *Adelante* teams are to use a community-based participatory research approach.

As part of the funded research plan, the **CFAR Mentor** will be responsible for helping PI/Scholars develop and apply culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS research skills that will be used to expand HIV-related knowledge and to disseminate information through organizations and institutions working with Latino/Hispanic populations. The **Collaborating Partner's** role will be to provide mentoring in cultural responsiveness, to assist in the design and implementation of the research strategy, and to help increase access to the study population

Adelante Teams should be supportive, diverse, and interdisciplinary. PIs/Scholars, Mentors, and Collaborating Partners will be expected to participate actively in all relevant project activities and to work collaboratively to develop and implement a research work plan that fully engages all Team members. *Adelante* Team members also will be expected to work together to develop peer-reviewed publications and to discuss the potential for submission of applications for further funding from the Federal Government or other sources.

Proposed research must be consistent with the goals of the [U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) and the overarching high priorities as outlined in [The NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities Guidance](#). Proposed research should be community-based and reflect local Hispanic/Latino-community needs, as identified by science and the local community. Research proposal topics may include but are not limited to: effective promotion of stigma reduction; HIV prevention-focused research; elucidating factors that increase HIV risk in diverse Hispanic populations; identification of the cause of HIV co-morbidities that disproportionately affect Hispanic populations and influence pathogenesis; culturally sensitive interventions for HIV detection and care coordination; or means to better understand the cumulative effect of multilevel factors that may impede or facilitate all points of the HIV prevention-and-care continuum for Hispanic/Latino individuals.

Funding

Applicants may request up to \$75,000 (direct costs) per year, plus applicable indirect costs, not to exceed \$150,000 in total costs per year. This funding may be used for salaries, technical support, laboratory supplies, equipment, enrollment in training classes or workshops, travel to the CFAR Mentor's institution, or other research or training-related activities.

Additional support (not included in the \$75,000 budget) will be provided for the *Adelante* Team to attend a 1-day orientation facilitated by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) and the NIH-supported CFARs. In addition, up to \$3,500/person per year in additional travel support will be provided for each *Adelante* Team to attend one program-relevant domestic or international HIV/AIDS conference. Support will also be provided for each *Adelante* Team to attend a 1-day mid-cycle and a 2-day final assessment workshops facilitated by the NIH and the CFARs. Additional support also may be provided for the CFAR Mentor to attend a mentoring-the-mentor workshop provided by the CFARs.

The release of research period funding is contingent upon demonstration of satisfactory outcomes from the training and mentoring period, and the establishment and maintenance of a full partnership between all three members of the CFAR *Adelante* Team, as evidenced by the work plan and letters of support.

Eligibility

PI/Scholar: The PI/Scholar applicant must: be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; have a strong interest in research related to prevention, care, and treatment of HIV in Hispanic/Latino populations; be committed to professional development; and be available to participate for the full 2 years. Individuals who are members of racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented among NIH-funded research scientists and researchers from Latino/Hispanic serving institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

PI/Scholars may include early stage investigators and post-doctoral fellows with a faculty appointment at an eligible organization or institution that will have started by the time that the CFAR *Adelante* project period begins. An applicant with a prior history of NIH funding must meet the definition of an NIH [New Investigator](#) AND be within 10 years of having completed a terminal research degree or medical residency. An extension to this period may be granted under special circumstances—such as extended periods of family care, clinical training, disability, or illness—with appropriate documentation.

CFAR Mentor: The CFAR Mentor on the *Adelante* Team must be a senior investigator at a CFAR-affiliated institution; have current, ongoing NIH HIV/AIDS-research funding; have strong mentorship experience; and be committed to participating for the full 2 years.

Collaborating Partner: The Collaborating Partner must be a member of a community-based organization* that focuses on serving Latino/Hispanic populations, have personal experience serving Hispanic/Latino populations, and be committed as a full partner throughout the 2-year program.

Deadlines

Applications will be accepted from eligible applicants according to the timeline below.

Proposals Due:	September 8, 2017
Estimated Award Date:	October 2, 2017
Project Period:	November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2019

For more information, go to www.cfar-adelante.org

*Types of Eligible Organizations and Institutions

U.S.-based

- Public/State-Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Research Institutes
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions with a primary mission of research
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions with a primary mission of research
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education) with a primary mission of research
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education) with a primary mission of research
- Small Businesses with a primary mission of research
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses) with a primary mission of research
- Regional Organizations with a primary mission of research

(U.S. Government Employees, Fellows, and Contractors are ineligible to apply.)