Innovation in HIV prevention research

**Seed Funding Application Form**

CONRAD, in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences Clinical Trials Research Centre, invites young investigators in HIV prevention research to apply for an exciting research funding opportunity.

Applications are open to those with a wide range of research backgrounds.

**Funding opportunity**

Seed funding for a pilot research project (funding to be awarded February 2020)

**Overview**

One successful candidate will be awarded $17,500 USD for one year to support a research project in HIV prevention.

**Applicant Criteria**

* Master’s level graduate (extensive research experience may be considered in lieu of a degree)
* Minimum two years’ experience in HIV-related research
* Researchers who have African citizenship/nationality

**Application Components**

* Applicant form
* Short essay questions
* Concept paper (2 pages)
* CV
* Letter of reference from supervisor, line manager or employer
* Copy of valid passport

**Application submission**

* Applicants should read through the application form carefully before completing it
* Applications must be completed in full, within word limits, and in English
* Interested candidates should submit ALL components of the application (see below) to hivworkshopsecretariat@uzchs-ctrc.org
* Incomplete applications will not be considered.
* For any questions about the application, please email hivworkshopsecretariat@uzchs-ctrc.org

**Application deadline: Thursday 02 January 2020 at 23:59 CAT**

**Application process**

* Only one application form should be submitted per person
* Applications will be reviewed and selected by a committee
* The outcome of the applications will be provided by late January
1. **Applicant form**

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| Personal Details |
| Title |  |
| Surname |  |
| Full names |  |
| Gender  |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Highest educational qualification |  |
| Postal Address |
| City |  |
| Country |  |
| Postal Code |  |
| Work Tel |  |
| Home Tel |  |
| Cell |  |
| Email |  |
| Alternate Email |  |

1. Organisation Information

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| Name of Organisation |  |
| Address of Organisation |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Organisational website |  |
| Organisation’s Mission Statement (200 words max) |  |

1. **Essay Questions**

The following essay questions will help us get to know you better, and get a better sense of what kind of research you would like to work on. Please answer the following questions clearly and concisely, and within the word limits. When describing your motivations or experience, please focus on details that expand on your CV.

Please tell us about yourself—what motivates you, and how you got involved in the work you do (Maximum 200 words)

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Please summarize the main tasks you undertake in your current role, and some highlights and/or challenges of your most recent work experience (Maximum 200 words)

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What are your future career goals, and how do you see this funding opportunity helping to achieve your long-term goals? (Maximum 200 words)

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1. **Concept paper**

Please provide your two page concept about a research project in HIV prevention. Selection for seed funding will be based on potential public health impact, significance, scientific approach, innovation, investigator’s qualifications and research environment. Concept papers will be reviewed in accordance with the following review criteria:

Significance:

* Does the research address an important problem?
* If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced?

Approach:

* Are the proposed study design, methods and analyses adequately developed, appropriate, and realistic to the aims of the project?

Innovation:

* Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods?
* Are the aims original and innovative?
* Does the project develop new methodologies or technologies?

Investigator’s Qualifications:

* Does the investigator have the proper training and experience to direct and manage the project?
* Has the investigator conducted research related to this project?

Future funding considerations:

* Will there be the opportunity to leverage this research into publications or future funding?