Penn CFAR Nonhuman Primate Core
Pilot Grant Program

Request for Applications for 2016:

The purpose of this Pilot Grant Program is to facilitate opportunities for investigators from Penn, CHOP, and Wistar to utilize nonhuman primates for studies of AIDS. The Penn CFAR’s Nonhuman Primate (NHP) Core based at the Tulane National Primate Research Center (TNPRC) provides animals (typically rhesus or pigtail macaques) and support for these studies. The goal of this program is to enable investigators to acquire sufficient data that can be applied for future external funding.

Funds are available for the procurement and care of 8 non-human primates a year (up to 4 animals per project), and provide support for appropriate animal laboratory studies including collection of body fluids, biopsies, surgeries, necropsies and basic laboratory studies for simian (SIV) or simian/human (SHIV) immunodeficiency virus research. From 1 to 3 projects per year will be funded, depending on the number of animals requested, the length of the project, and receipt of competitive applications. Laboratory studies performed at Penn/CHOP/Wistar will be the responsibility of the investigator. There are no funds available for salary support.

Investigators from Penn, CHOP, and Wistar are eligible for this Pilot Program. Junior investigators and HIV/AIDS investigators with no previous experience using the non-human model are particularly encouraged to apply.

If interested, it is required that all applicants contact one of the investigators (listed below) from the Tulane National Primate Research Center as early as possible to discuss potential studies, study design, and availability of animals.

Although applications in all areas of HIV/AIDS research are eligible, areas of particular interest include those related to SIV and SHIV pathogenesis, SIV or SHIV reservoirs, models for viral eradication and functional cure, vaccines, and addictions research.

No budget page is required as the award is for procurement/use of animals at TNPRC.

Submission Deadline: December 1, 2015

Instructions are available at:
http://www.med.upenn.edu/cfar/developmental_nonhumanprimate.shtml

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