

Inter-CFAR Fellowship Program in Implementation Science (2020-2021)

On behalf of inter-CFAR Implementation Science Working Group, we are welcoming applications for an NIH-funded training opportunity in implementation science (IS) for early stage investigators (ESIs) engaging in HIV-related research. In 2019-2020, 27 inaugural fellows participated. The Fellowship has been renewed and will be open to 24 Fellows in the upcoming cohort. Implementation Science Fellows will be selected across the CFAR network to participate in a mentorship program, including both didactic online and mentored small group training in IS methodology. The applied mentorship focuses on the development of a grant application which incorporates implementation science methodology and/or training and is intended to culminate in a two-day grant refinement and networking workshop.

Fellows will be expected to complete a series of 10 pre-recorded modules, attend 8 of 10 live sessions to discuss the lectures and critical papers in the field, advance the development of a grant incorporating implementation science research, and attend a two-day in-person workshop with the mentorship team. Although we are hoping to meet in person in April 2021, a final decision regarding the in-person meeting will be determined at a later date due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The overarching goal of the fellowship is to support ESIs focused on HIV-related research with training and mentoring opportunities in IS to encourage and capacitate ESIs in the submission of successful IS-focused grants. Specifically, the objectives are:

- 1) Fill an implementation science training gap among emergent HIV-focused investigators
- 2) Support ESIs in the development of an implementation science focused grant
- 3) Foster cross-institutional networking and mentorship opportunities for ESIs within the field of HIV-implementation science

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Eligibility and logistics: Spots will be reserved exclusively for junior faculty (Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor and equivalent positions), post-doctoral fellows and exceptional senior-level PhD candidates. Applicants will be asked to submit their NIH formatted biosketch, a one page specific aims document pertaining to the grant that they will be developing, provide basic details of their proposed IS-related grant (e.g. working title, funding mechanism, submission cycle), and a brief summary of their prior experience and planned future directions conducting implementation science research. The specific aims page does not need to be polished and is expected to evolve during the fellowship as IS skills advance. Because grant development is critical to the fellowship, however, we are seeking out applicants who will be submitting a grant that incorporates IS methodology and are committed to moving this forward. Funding will be available for the IS Fellows to attend the 2-day in-person meeting planned for April 2021.

Interested applicants should apply online by October 18, 2020 11:59 pm EST at:

http://jhsph.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72pIEEogfP1VYup

Outcomes will be announced by November 7, 2020. The virtual fellowship will begin in November 2020.

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