**Call for applications: U.S.-South Africa Program for Collaborative Biomedical Research – Phase 3 (HIV/AIDS) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

URL: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-24-023.html>

Keywords: **HIV, Transformation, HDIs**

**Funding amount and duration of funding: Up to $2M over five years**

**Funder deadline: March 12, 2025**

**UCT Internal Deadlines**

* **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [Intention-to- Submit](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NUNFkk5Wz0ywsCREW4wD943aRnS3L-RPsF4vKdj41yJUQUVWMFE3MEpDWEg3UVowQU9DTkg5NDhXVCQlQCN0PWcu) as soon as possible
* **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT’s electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
* Complete the Intention to submit form and contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **3 Febraury 2025**
* [eRA Internal Approvals forms](http://www.researchsupport.uct.ac.za/rsh/era/internal-process) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **26 February 2025**
* Faculty approved eRA forms must reach RC&I by **5 March 2025**

**Contacts: Faculty of Health Sciences:** FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za **; All Other Faculties -**  internationalgrants@uct.ac.za

**About the Funding Opportunity**

The purpose of this opportunity is to support research projects under Phase 3 of the U.S.-South Africa Program for Collaborative Biomedical Research. Research areas supported under this program include HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS co-morbidities and co-infections, HIV/AIDS-associated implementation science, and HIV/AIDS-associated data science.

**Eligibility Criteria**

**Lead Applicant Requirements:**

* Applications must include at least one South African Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) from an eligible institution from South Africa (the applicant organization) and at least one collaborator from a U.S. institution/organization.

**Host and Sponsor Requirements:**

* A South African institution must submit the application as the prime applicant.
* Applications must have at least one US-based collaborator

**Other Key Points:**

* An overarching goal of this bilateral program is to engage scientists from historically disadvantaged institutions (HDIs) in South Africa
* Scientists from South African HDIs and other South African Universities of Technology and/or scientists from the African, Coloured, or Indian population groups are encouraged to work with their institutions to apply as PD/PIs

**Funding Amount and Duration:**

* Salary support is allowed
* Annual budget ceiling is $400,000
* Indirect cost rate is 8%
* Projects can be up to five years

**Application Process**

***How to apply:***

**UCT Internal deadlines and requirements**

*Standard timelines are in effect:*

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|   | Deadline |
| PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed | **3 February 2025** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least **4 weeks** before the funder deadline | **12 February 2025** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least **2 weeks** before the funder deadline | **26 February 2025** |
| Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least **1 week** before the funder deadline | **5 March 2025** |
| PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline | **12 March 2025** |

**Funder deadlines**

The PI must complete the online application on the funder portal (NIH [ASSIST](https://public.era.nih.gov/assist/public/login.era?TARGET=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.era.nih.gov%3A443%2Fassist)) by March 12, 2025 by 5pm local time

**Important notes:**

* Institutional approval via UCT’s electronic Research Administration ([eRA](https://eraonline.uct.ac.za/converis/portal/overview?lang=en_GB)) system is required before submission.
* Please to be mindful of any differences between UCT internal deadlines and those set by the external funder. Plan your application timeline accordingly to meet both sets of deadlines.
* Applications must reach the RC&I stage at least **five working days** before the funder’s deadline.
* RC&I will not be responsible for missed deadlines if the application is not submitted with the required lead time.

**Contact Information:**

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Please complete the [intention-to-submit](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NUNFkk5Wz0ywsCREW4wD943aRnS3L-RPsF4vKdj41yJUQUVWMFE3MEpDWEg3UVowQU9DTkg5NDhXVCQlQCN0PWcu) form if you intend applying for this call.