



Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

Application Submission Contacts

eRA Service Desk (Questions regarding ASSIST, eRA Commons, application errors and warnings, documenting system problems that threaten submission by the due date, and post-submission issues)

Finding Help Online: <http://grants.nih.gov/support/> ([//grants.nih.gov/support/](http://grants.nih.gov/support/)) (preferred method of contact)

Telephone: 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)

General Grants Information (Questions regarding application instructions, application processes, and NIH grant resources)

Email: GrantsInfo@nih.gov (<mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov>) (preferred method of contact)

Telephone: 301-945-7573

Grants.gov Customer Support (Questions regarding Grants.gov registration and Workspace)

Contact Center Telephone: 800-518-4726

Email: support@grants.gov (<mailto:support@grants.gov>)

Scientific/Research Contact(s)

For Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition-related inquiries:

Background

- Research toward a Cure is an NIH HIV research priority
 - Interrogation of HIV reservoir formation and reactivation is key to the development of a functional or a sterile cure
- Tissues within the mission of NIDDK serve as important reservoirs
 - Examples: GI mucosa, adipose tissue, kidney, male genital tract
- Multidisciplinary expertise benefits thorough interrogation
 - HIV Science
 - Pathophysiology/metabolism of the tissue
 - Other expertise, as appropriate for the project (ex: PK/PD)

Purpose

To support **multidisciplinary research teams** with complementary expertise in HIV and physiology, pathophysiology, pathobiology, and/or metabolism in organs, tissues, and/or biological systems of specific interest to the NIDDK. These **teams** will provide comprehensive mechanistic analyses of the processes leading to the establishment and persistence of latent HIV reservoirs in anatomical sites relevant to the mission of the NIDDK.

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- Supports:

- Mechanistic interrogation of HIV reservoirs within NIDDK's mission
- Impact of the microbiome on reservoirs within NIDDK's mission
- Comparison of recombinant competent reservoirs in different sites within a tissue (ex: along the GI tract)
- How NIDDK-relevant physiological or pathological processes, comorbidities, coinfections, and complications impact viral rebound

RFA-DK-20-023: MPI Structure Required

- Requires a Multiple PD/PI structure
 - At least one PD/PI with expertise in HIV science
 - At least one PD/PI with expertise in physiology, pathobiology, pathobiology and/or metabolism
 - May include additional expertise as required
 - Projects lacking this structure will be withdrawn and not reviewed
- Previous publications or extensive collaboration not expected

RFA-DK-20-023: Additional Instructions

Approach:

- Include a brief description of each PD/PI's contribution to the preliminary data with its presentation
 - Design, execution, or interpretation

Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan:

- Include one or more examples of how development of specific aspects of the research plan benefited from interactions between the PDs /PIs.
- Describe how each PD/PI will participate in aspects of the project primarily led by the other PD(s)/PI(s)
 - How will the combined expertise of the Multiple PD/PI team be leveraged?

Note: There are corresponding review criteria

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- Nonresponsive projects:
 - One or more components ineligible for the use of HIV/AIDS-designated funds
 - Do not use MPI format
 - Clinical trials designed to answer questions about the clinical effect of an intervention
 - Rely primarily on epidemiological approaches

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- Nonresponsive projects (continued):
 - *Primarily* study viral reservoirs in tissues outside of the mission of the NIDDK
 - Unless they are focused on the impact of NIDDK-related physiological, metabolic, pathophysiological processes or comorbidities, coinfections, and complications on those reservoirs
 - Address the impact of comorbidities, coinfections, and complications outside of the mission of the NIDDK on viral reservoirs

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Toward Elucidating Mechanisms Contributing to HIV Reservoirs in NIDDK-relevant Tissues (Cure TEAMS) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Trans-NIDDK RFA

Issued: September 2, 2020

Due: March 3, 2021

Council: October 2021

Due: November 17, 2021

Council: May 2022

Budget max: \$500,000 DC/year

Duration max: 5 years

\$2M/year (3-4 awards)

Resubmission (A1) applications are allowed for the November 2021 receipt. A0 must have been submitted to RFA-DK-20-023

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I include studies on the peripheral blood reservoir as a comparator group?
 - Yes, as long as the primary focus of your project is to understand HIV reservoirs in tissues within NIDDK's mission. If inclusion of peripheral blood or some other reservoir as a comparator group will enhance the scientific impact of your project, it is allowed.
- Can the Multiple PD/PI team consist of individuals who have published previously?
 - Yes, Although previous collaboration is not expected, it is allowed.

Please type in your questions using the Q&A tool to ask questions (access at the bottom of your screen)

Questions will be answered verbally