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The AIHA Twinning Center Grants & Funding Bulletin is intended to assist institutional and individual grant seekers who are involved in the delivery and development of healthcare services in the countries covered by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). PEPFAR has identified fifteen focus countries, primarily in Africa and the Caribbean, but also including Vietnam. While the Bulletin emphasizes funding opportunities for which PEPFAR countries are eligible, most of these opportunities are also relevant to other countries around the world. The Bulletin, which appears monthly, provides information on grant opportunities for researchers, students, public leaders, and medical and social organizations.

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Your input (including new sources of grant opportunities) will be greatly appreciated.

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**African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) Main Grants Program**

**In Short:**

This program funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organizations in Africa working towards women's empowerment.

**Internet Address:**

<http://www.awdf.org/awdf/?pid=2&cid=11>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Health, Reproductive Rights and HIV/AIDS

**Eligible Applicants:**

Organizations can be local, national, sub-regional or regional African women's organizations, from any part of Africa.

Local women's organizations should send in the names of two referees, one of whom should be a member of a women's organization that operates nationally.

**Description:**

The AWDF gives grants for projects related to any of the thematic areas specified above. We expect applicants to build in relevant and reasonable running/core costs into their project proposals.

We give grants to national and regional organizations for aspects of organizational growth and development such as strategic planning, developing fundraising strategies, communications systems, retreats, governance systems, etc.

We give grants for capital costs such as purchase of computers, printers, photocopiers. Organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$25,000. Grants over \$20,000 are only made to organizations which operate on a regional basis.

**Application Deadline:**

The AWDF makes grants in two cycles each year. Applications can be sent in at any time.

**Contact Information:**

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PMB CT89 Cantonments,  
Accra, Ghana  
Tel: (233) 21-780-477  
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**Milagro Foundation Grants Program**

**In Short:**

These grants support programs that work in the areas of healthy living for underprivileged children and youth.

**Internet Address:**

<http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Children and youth disease prevention, among other objectives

**Eligible Applicants:**

The Milagro Foundation supports children and youth in the San Francisco Bay area, the United States and countries around the world. Milagro makes grants in the United States to grass roots federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Outside of the U.S. other rules may apply. Inquiries are invited. Milagro does not make grants to individuals. Nonprofit organizations that have not received a tax-exempt letter must work through a fiscal agent that has such exemption.

**Description:**

Milagro's typical grants are between \$2,500-\$5,000. Grants for larger amounts will also be reviewed, but in no event should the amount requested exceed \$10,000. The majority of Milagro's grants are for up to one year.

**Application Deadline:**

Rolling. Assuming all of the requested information is included in the Letter of Inquiry or through subsequent contact with the foundation, the review and decision process normally takes from 30-90 days after a complete application has been submitted.

**Contact Information:**

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San Rafael, CA 94912-9125  
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## **The Elsevier Foundation Grants**

### **In Short:**

Grants for excellence and innovation in research and information services within global scientific, technical and medical communities.

### **Internet Address:**

<http://www.elsevierfoundation.org/>

### **Health Topic Areas:**

Children's health and wellness, science and healthcare education, access to scientific and medical knowledge, scientific medical research and application in society

### **Eligible Applicants:**

National and regional organizations around the world; the Elsevier Foundation does not consider grants to individuals, nor for basic research, sectarian religious activities or organizations that lack tax exemption.

### **Description:**

The Elsevier Foundation supports a wide range of charitable organizations with tax-exempt status in their country of origin.

Grants are generally expected to range between US\$2,500 and US\$25,000. Grants are awarded for specific projects rather than operating support. Contributions of products, services and equipment may be used for specific projects or general operations. The Foundation encourages matching grants. Requests for additional funding of projects already supported will be considered on a limited basis.

### **Application Deadline:**

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

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## **Fulbright Senior Specialists Program**

### **In Short:**

The program provides short-term academic (teaching) opportunities (two to six weeks) for U.S. faculty and professionals abroad.

### **Internet Address:**

<http://www.cies.org/specialists/>

### **Health Topic Areas:**

Public/Global health

**Eligible Applicants:**

The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program is open to qualified U.S. scholars and professionals in the disciplines listed above. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin and /or physical impairment.

- Applicants must meet all of the following minimum eligibility requirements. In matching candidates with grant opportunities, preference will be given to candidates with the most relevant professional experience.
- U.S. citizen at the time of application. Permanent resident status is not sufficient. If a naturalized citizen, applicant must provide actual date of naturalization.
- For academics, a Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree at the time of application plus a minimum of five years of post-doctoral teaching or professional experience in the field in which you are applying. (see the Web site for more details)

Countries eligible to participate in the program include those where there is a U.S. embassy or a Fulbright Commission. Lists of these countries can be found at

<http://usembassy.state.gov/> and  
<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/commiss.htm>

**Description:**

The program is designed to provide U.S. faculty and professionals with opportunities to collaborate with professional counterparts at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. For example, grantees may:

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys, institutional or programmatic research at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions;
- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences in conjunction with other scheduled activities;
- Consult with administrators and instructors of non-U.S. post-secondary institutions on faculty development (see the Web site for more details).

**Application Deadline:**

Rolling, peer review of applications is conducted eight times per year.

**Contact Information:**

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**AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP)**

**In Short:**

This program helps scientists from institutions in low- and middle-income countries build research and public health capacities in the areas of HIV/AIDS in those countries.

**Internet Address:**

<http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/aitrp/aitrp.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

HIV Research and capacity building

**Eligible Applicants:**

U.S. institutions with strong HIV- related research training experience and with HIV- related research collaborations with institutions in low- and middle- income countries.

**Description:**

The grantees, in partnership with their foreign collaborating institutions, identify foreign health scientists, clinicians, and allied health workers from the foreign countries to participate in their joint research training programs. The primary goal of this program is to build multi-disciplinary biomedical, behavioral and social science research capacity for the prevention of HIV/AIDS-related infections and for the integration of prevention with therapy and care for those adults and children affected by HIV/AIDS in the collaborating country. AITRP makes provisions for training in the United States, in other countries, and in the home countries.

**Application Deadline:**

Letter of Intent Deadline: November 21, 2006; November 21, 2007

Application Receipt Date: December 21, 2006; December 21, 2007

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**UNESCO Fellowships Program in Support of Priority Program Areas (2006-2007)**

**In Short:**

This is a fellowship proposal for graduate and postgraduate candidates wishing to pursue training, undertake advanced research, upgrade skills or attend specialized or refresher courses, in areas including HIV/AIDS prevention and education and advancing the use of ICT for education, science and culture, abroad.

**Internet Address:**

[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=17616&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=17616&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

**Health Topic Areas:**

HIV/AIDS prevention and education

**Eligible Applicants:**

Graduate and postgraduate candidates with a university degree, i.e. at least a B.A. or B.Sc. and not more than 45 years of age. Candidatures on behalf of women and those from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will receive priority attention.

**Description:**

The fellowships offered under this scheme are of short term duration (6 months maximum) and are intended for specialized training at the postgraduate level. Priority targets are promising and qualified specialists who seek to undertake advanced research or to upgrade their skills and knowledge of state-of-the-art developments in their field of study or work.

**Application Deadline:**

April 30, 2006

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**New and Improved Diagnostic Methods for Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL)**

**In Short:**

This call aims to support research focused on development and/or improvement of VL diagnostic tools, preferably using blood and urine specimens.

**Internet Address:**

[http://www.who.int/tdr/grants/grants/vl\\_diagnostic.htm](http://www.who.int/tdr/grants/grants/vl_diagnostic.htm)

**Health Topic Areas:**

Infectious diseases

**Eligible Applicants:**

For proposals with a clinical component, demonstrable access to an adequate number of VL patients and ability to comply with international ethics standards for patient enrolment will be critical. There is no restriction on nationality or location of employment for applicants, though projects based in or collaborating with DEC are encouraged.

**Description:**

The committee invites submission of research proposals that address any of the following research areas:

- Improvement of existing tests in terms of test performance and suitability for field settings.
- Development of new antigens and test fusions to use as case definition and/or test-of-cure.
- Development and validation of VL assays for patients with co-infections in DEC.

**Application Deadline:**

May 10, 2006

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**Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS (R01)**

**In Short:**

This program will support research studies on the relationships among social environments, individual behaviors, and the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS in populations.

**Internet Address:**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-114.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention

**Eligible Applicants:**

Foreign institutions. Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research are invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

**Description:**

This announcement invites research on the interrelationships among and pathways linking social, economic, cultural, and institutional environments; prevalence and patterning of individual behaviors related to HIV risk and prevention; and the prevalence, patterning, and spread of HIV infection in a population. This announcement seeks to stimulate innovative approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the spread of HIV and its consequences in a variety of populations across the globe. This includes the search for, production of and testing of improved models to account for changes in both behavior and biology under different levels of disease prevalence.

**Application Deadline:**

September 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008

**Contact Information:**

Center for Scientific Review  
National Institutes of Health  
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Bethesda, MD 20892-7710 (U.S. Postal Service Express or regular mail)  
Bethesda, MD 20817 (for express/courier service; non-USPS service)

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**Brain Disorders in the Developing World: Research across the Lifespan**

**In Short:**

Grants for institutions and individuals to conduct research in HIV- and non-HIV-related areas of brain disorders.

**Internet Address:**

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-100.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Neurological/ neurodevelopmental (including sensory, motor, cognitive and behavioral) function and impairment throughout life.

**Eligible Applicants:**

Foreign institutions and individuals from developing and developed countries. At least two institutions, one in a developed country and one in a developing country institution should be involved in the grant application.

For the purposes of this Program Announcement (PA), “developed country” is defined as a country with a Gross National Income per capita (GNI per capita) of \$9,000 or more and a “developing country” is defined as a country that has a Gross National Income per capita (GNI per capita) below \$9,000, according to the World Bank classification system (refer to the GNI per capita ranking in the left-hand column labeled “Atlas Methodology” at <http://www.worldbank.org/data/databytopic/GNIPC.pdf> . Do NOT refer to the right-hand column headed “Purchasing Power Parity”).

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research under the guidelines of this PA is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Women, individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

**Description:**

The purpose of the Brain Disorders in the Developing World: Research Across the Lifespan PA is to support the development and conduct of innovative, collaborative research and research training projects, between developed and developing country scientists, on brain disorders throughout life, relevant to low- and middle-income nations. The collaborative research programs are expected to 1) involve research on neurological/ neurodevelopmental (including sensory, motor, cognitive and behavioral) function and impairment throughout life and 2) contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in developing countries to initiate and conduct such research.

**Application Deadline:**

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): Applications not related to HIV/AIDS: April 16, 2006, 2007. Applications related to HIV/AIDS only: July 23, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Application Receipt Dates(s): Applications not related to HIV/AIDS: May 16, 2006, 2007. Applications related to HIV/AIDS only: August 23, 2005, 2006, 2007.

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## **AIDS International Training and Research Program**

### **In Short:**

Grants for institutions to collaborate in AIDS training and research.

### **Internet Address:**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-140.html>

### **Health Topic Areas:**

HIV/AIDS Training and Research

### **Eligible Applicants:**

Domestic (US) institutions that can demonstrate active research collaborations with institutions in the low- and middle-income countries, or any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research.

### **Description:**

The purpose of this announcement is to invite applications from eligible institutions for innovative, collaborative training programs that would contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in HIV/AIDS and HIV-related conditions at institutions with which they have ongoing research collaborations, in low- and middle-income countries. These research-training programs will strengthen scientific knowledge and skills to enhance prevention of, and treatment and care for, HIV/AIDS and HIV-related conditions in these countries.

### **Application Deadline:**

Letter of Intent Receipt Date: November 21, 2006; November 21, 2007.  
Application Receipt Date: December 21, 2006; December 21, 2007.

### **Contact Information:**

The PHS 398 application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> in an interactive format. Applicants must use the currently approved version of the PHS 398. For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone: (301) 435-0714, E-mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov).

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## **Community Participation in Research**

### **In Short:**

This grant supports collaborative research between communities and scientists in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities, assuming direct involvement of the community representatives in the process.

### **Internet Address:**

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-026.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that are jointly conducted by communities and researchers

**Eligible Applicants:**

Foreign (non-U.S.) institutions/organizations. Applications from foreign institutions must conform to the NIH's policy for foreign grants. See

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/part\\_iii\\_5.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/part_iii_5.htm).

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

**Description:**

The goal of this PAR is to support research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers.

Community-based participatory research (CBPR) is defined as scientific inquiry conducted in communities and in partnership with researchers. The process of scientific inquiry is such that community members, persons affected by the health condition, disability or issue under study, or other key stakeholders in the community's health have the opportunity to be full participants in each phase of the work (from conception - design - conduct - analysis - interpretation - conclusions - communication of results). CBPR is characterized by substantial community input in the development of the grant application (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/translat/cbpr/cbpr.htm>).

**Application Deadline:**

Letters of Intent Receipt Date (s): April 17, 2006, 2007

Application Receipt Dates(s): May 17, 2006, 2007

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**Exploratory Studies in Cancer Detection, Diagnosis, and Prognosis**

**In Short:**

This program supports organizations and individuals testing new ideas that may advance progress in cancer detection, diagnosis, and prognosis.

**Internet Address:**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-165.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Cancer research

**Eligible Applicants:**

US or foreign organizations and individuals.

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH programs.

**Description:**

The major goal of this initiative is to promote the initial evaluation of new molecular or cellular characteristics of pre-malignant cells or tumors or the development of assays that will be useful for cancer detection, diagnosis, and/or prognosis.

**Application Deadline:**

February 1, June 1, October 1 of every year until November 2, 2008

**Contact Information:**

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**Men's Heterosexual Behavior and HIV Infection****In Short:**

Grants for individuals and organizations to conduct HIV-related research.

**Internet Address:**

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-033.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

Social and behavioral science studies on the determinants of the sexual behavior of adult heterosexual men

**Eligible Applicants:**

Eligible organizations include foreign institutions/organizations.

Eligible principal investigators are any individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research.

**Description:**

Researchers are asked to focus on social and cultural determinants of heterosexual men's sexual behavior. Studies that have a strong emphasis on the variations in norms, expectations, and scripts driving heterosexual men's behavior in sexual relationships are particularly encouraged. The PA also invites research exploring how gender is interwoven with biology and psychological and social structural factors (including the economic, institutional, and policy contexts) in influencing heterosexual men's behavior.

**Application Deadline:**

January 2, May 1, and September 1 of each year

**Contact Information:**

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National Institutes of Health  
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**Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS**

**In Short:**

Grants for institutions to collaborate in HIV/AIDS training and research.

**Internet Address:**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-146.html>

**Health Topic Areas:**

HIV/AIDS and alcohol use

**Eligible Applicants:**

U.S. domestic and foreign institutions. Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

**Description:**

This Program Announcement (PA) requests research on the effectiveness of structural interventions that reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, there has been little research that extends such efforts into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction. Applicants are especially encouraged to examine the ramifications for HIV/AIDS risk of “naturally occurring” or already-announced changes in alcohol-related laws, regulations, programs or policies.

**Application Deadline:**

May 1, 2006; September 1, 2006

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