



Summer 2025 Newsletter



T32 Trainee Spotlight

Trainee Support Program

In 2024, THI introduced an HIV research training initiative focused on supporting postdoctoral fellows at UC San Diego. Leveraging various funding sources, including endowed funds, this initiative is designed to support trainees conducting research across diverse fields including clinical, virological, epidemiological, immunological, and socio-behavioral studies. The overall goal of this program is to support training and advance the careers of new leaders in HIV research.

Use, HIV, and Related Infections T32 program) across the UC San Diego Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following trainees!



Katie Bailey, PhD

Research Project: *Implementation strategies to advance HIV and prevention services delivery via U.S. syringe services programs.*



Renatta Bobadilla, MD

Research Project: *Harnessing HIV- specific tissue resident cells (HS-TRTC) for clearing HIV reservoirs.*



Renee El-Krab, PhD

Research Project: *Psychosocial and Economic Predictors of Substance Use Among HIV-Infected Individuals in the US.*



Jesse Goldshear, PhD, MPH

Research Project: *Impact of the prolonged methadone factory closure in Mexico on HIV outcomes among people who use drugs in Tijuana.*

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Research Project: *Characterizing the mental health and HIV care continuum needs and missed opportunities for low-barrier integrated care among housing-insecure transgender and nonbinary community members.*



Lily Ostrer, MD

Research Project: *Modeling Potential Impact of HIV Long-Acting Injectable Antiretroviral Treatment among People Who Inject Drugs in India.*

Upcoming Events



2025 Research Day

September 11, 2025

Resilience in HIV Research and Treatment: Progress and Possibilities











Save The Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 9am 4pm.

Join SD CFAR for our annual research day on campus, at UC San Diego. We will have a full day symposium showcasing groundbreaking discoveries that are reshaping the future of HIV research, treatment, and prevention.

Call for Abstracts

San Diego investigators engaged in HIV/AIDS-related clinical, behavioral, public health, or laboratory research are invited to submit abstracts to the 2025 SD CFAR Research Day. Submissions will be evaluated based on scientific merit and relevance to the event's

are also eligible. Individuals currently developing funded research projects may find this event to be a timely opportunity to share and refine their work.

Submission Deadline: July 7, 2025

For more information visit the [SD CFAR Website](#).

Seminar Series



We are busy scheduling some exciting seminars for the fall. Visit [The HIV Institute](#) website for updates.

Did you miss a recent seminar? Visit our [SD CFAR YouTube page](#) to watch previous presentations.

- ***Applications of AI to Healthcare and Public Health*- Dr. John Ayers**
- ***Advances in prevention of HPV-related cancers in people with HIV*- Dr. Tim Wilkin**
- ***HIV reservoir genetics: Does subtype matter in cure research?*- Dr. Guin Lee**

The HIV Institute Discovery Fund

The Current Funding Landscape

Recent developments have introduced significant challenges to HIV/AIDS research funding. Substantial cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are proposed, potentially reducing its discretionary budget by over 30%. This includes proposed reductions in funding for HIV/AIDS programs, which could impact research, prevention, and treatment efforts nationwide. Additionally, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has terminated funding for numerous HIV-related research grants (including some of our researchers' grants, here at UC San Diego). These cuts have raised concerns among

Research.

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