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Office of Technology Development

Vir Biotechnology & Harvard OTD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: August 21, 2017

Harvard's Office of Technology Development (OTD) is pleased to announce the establishment of a strategic research alliance between Harvard University and Vir Biotechnology (www.vir.bio). The alliance will support collaborative, PI-initiated projects aimed at the development of therapeutics to prevent or treat infectious diseases.

This **Request for Proposals (RFP)** is seeking pre-proposals for exciting and innovative sponsored research projects with **budgets up to \$1,000,000/year** (including indirect) in the following areas:

- 1. Antimicrobial Resistance:** Novel strategies for addressing antibiotic resistance that could lead to the development of new therapeutic approaches against drug resistant pathogens.
- 2. Host-Pathogen Interactions:** New insights into host-pathogen relationships that could lead to the development of vaccines, therapeutics, or diagnostics.
- 3. Drug Delivery:** Robust and rigorous delivery technology that would allow experimental methods, such as CRISPR/Cas9, mRNA, or siRNA, to be used effectively in patients, such as applying viral vectors for vaccine delivery.
- 4. High Public Health Burden Infectious Diseases:** Small molecule or antibody leads for the treatment or prevention of HIV, chronic HBV, and respiratory pathogens, including tuberculosis.

Pre-proposals are due Monday, August 21, 2017.

Pre-proposals should be one page and include a summary of the proposed research, the project background and rationale, description of the research objectives and any relevant preliminary results, estimated budget, and names of the key project participants. Pre-proposals will be considered confidential by both Harvard and Vir.

Anyone with rights as a Principal Investigator and whose employer is Harvard University is eligible to apply. Post-docs and research scientists who are interested in applying should discuss with their PI and apply jointly.

Please send pre-proposals and any questions about the RFP process to Jessica Goodman, PhD, Director of Corporate Alliances (jessica_goodman@harvard.edu). Pre-proposal finalists will be notified on September 21, 2017.