

**Aerosmith Endowment Fund
for Prevention and Treatment of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Request for Applications

Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 11:59 pm EST

The *Aerosmith Endowment Fund* was established with donations from members of the band Aerosmith to Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) to support projects related to the prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in adolescents and youth. Under the stewardship of Drs. Jean Emans (Adolescent Medicine), Judy Palfrey (General Pediatrics), and Ken McIntosh (Infectious Disease), the *Aerosmith Endowment Fund* has provided funding for scores of projects by dozens of members of the BCH community since its inception in 1997.

Over the past few years, leadership of the grants committee for the *Aerosmith Endowment Fund* has transitioned to Drs. Lydia Shrier (Adolescent Medicine), Joanne Cox (General Pediatrics), and Tanvi Sharma (Infectious Diseases). There have been additional changes to the structure of the fund to better support BCH efforts in the area of HIV and other STIs.

We are soliciting applications for grants of up to \$10,000 in direct costs for one year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). We are interested in proposals

- From fellows in their research year, early career faculty, and mid-career faculty proposing new research
- From mid-career faculty requesting bridge funding for existing research
- That provide robust justification for the focus population, with consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- That are likely to lead to NIH or foundation funding in the future

Projects can be local, regional, or national. Due to limitations on funds and on resources to support grant administration, international projects will not be considered. No more than one new proposal will be considered for each principal investigator. Funds may be used to support investigator effort, with justification. IRB approval is required for all projects involving human subjects research and must be in place prior to the award. Awardees who are unable to obtain IRB approval, if required, will be asked to reapply next cycle.

Please see the [Aerosmith Endowment Fund \(childrenshospital.org\)](https://childrenshospital.org) website for more information. Questions can be directed by email to Dr. Lydia Shrier, lydia.shrier@childrens.harvard.edu.

Application Format

- Application Face Page (form attached)
- 1-year budget with justification (form attached)
- Proposal (3 pages, single spaced, narrow [1/2"] margins, Arial font, 11 point)
 1. Specific Aims
 2. Background
 3. Research Strategy
 - a. Methods
 - b. Analyses
 - c. Timeline
 4. Next Steps
 - a. Plans for future funding
 - b. Plans for PI career development (for fellows and early career faculty)
- Curricula vitae for key personnel (no more than 2 pages each)

One-year extensions will be considered for funding but are competitive with new proposals. If you are applying for an extension, you should summarize accomplishments to date and frame your rationale for requesting the further funding.

Submission and Notification

Proposals should be emailed as a **single pdf attachment** (lastname_Aerosmith.mmddyy.pdf) to Nicholas Fiorentino, nicholas.fiorentino@childrens.harvard.edu, no later than 11:59 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the status of their proposal by Friday, March 20, 2026.

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Application Face Page

Project Title Click or tap here to enter text.

Principal Investigator (Name, degree, title, and address)

Department Grant/Financial Administrator (Name, title, and address)

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Application Type

New Application

Renewal Application

Human Subjects Research?

IRB Approval

Yes No

Approved Pending

Project Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Total Direct Costs Requested: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Detailed Budget

Note: Requests for funds for travel expenses must be related to project implementation and not solely for attendance/presentation at conferences.

Personnel	Role	Effort (%)	Salary Requested	Fringe Requested	Total
<i>Sub-total</i>			\$	\$	\$
Supplies (List)					\$
Other Costs (List)					
Total Direct Costs					\$

Budget Justification: