



2015 AVAC Advocacy Fellowship

Resources & Recommended Reading

This information package directs you to online resources on HIV prevention research and general information on HIV and AIDS.

The AVAC website www.avac.org contains a wealth of information on biomedical HIV prevention options, trials and advocacy. We strongly encourage applicants to make themselves familiar with its content before filling out your application. In particular, the website contains two databases (details below) with information that will help you to respond to the essay questions on the application and prepare for interviews if you progress to that point in the application process.

AVAC Website – www.avac.org

The [AVAC website](http://www.avac.org) describes AVAC's work, history and focus and will provide a good understanding of the role AVAC plays in the field and key areas we focus on.

- [AVAC Report](#) – AVAC publishes an annual review of biomedical prevention research, which reviews progress, makes recommendations and analyzes emerging issues. We especially recommend that you read [2013 AVAC Report: Research & Reality](#), [2012 AVAC Report: Achieving the End—One Year and Counting](#) and [2011 AVAC Report: The End?](#) as they provide an overview of AVAC's strategy and advocacy priorities in HIV prevention research and implementation for 2014 and beyond.
- [AVAC – Our Focus](#) – This area of the website provides information on the range of biomedical HIV prevention strategies being tested or recently approved/currently being rolled out—these include [AIDS vaccines](#), [HIV cures](#), [microbicides](#), [pre-exposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\)](#), [treatment as prevention](#) and [voluntary medical male circumcision](#). It also includes information on other key issues AVAC works on, including how research is conducted and the possible connection between hormonal contraceptive use and HIV risk.

In each section, you will find: basic information about the intervention; a table of ongoing and/or completed clinical trials, information on recent trial results and intervention-specific resources. In many of the sections, you will also find AVAC's strategy and priorities for the year in this area.

- [AVAC Resource Database](#) – This database has educational materials and tools on a variety of HIV prevention topics. The factsheets, PowerPoints and other resources here are very helpful in exploring new areas. In particular, we recommend that you become familiar with the following issues:
 - AIDS vaccines
 - Combination prevention
 - Hormonal contraception and HIV risk
 - Microbicides
 - Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
 - Treatment as prevention (TasP)
 - Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC)

- [The HIV Prevention Research and Development Database](#) – This database has information on past, current and planned trials. Additional information on large-scale efficacy trials is also available within the intervention-specific pages on the AVAC website (for example, visit <http://www.avac.org/prevention-option/aids-vaccines> for information on the RV144 vaccine trial). We recommend that you make yourself familiar with the following trials in particular:
 - Bangkok Tenofovir Study - PrEP
 - CAPRISA 004 – Microbicides
 - FEM-PrEP – PrEP
 - HPTN 052 – Treatment as prevention
 - HVTN 505 Trial – Vaccines
 - iPrEx – PrEP
 - Partners PrEP – PrEP
 - RV144 (Thai) Trial – Vaccines
 - TDF2 - PrEP
 - VOICE - Microbicides

There is a wealth of other information on the AVAC website that we encourage you to explore. In addition, below you will find a list of resources on other websites that you may find useful for further reading.

General HIV prevention

- The Body - <http://www.thebody.com/>
- Aidsmap NAM prevention page - <http://aidsmap.com/cms1000247.aspx>
- US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) HIV/AIDS Research Program - <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/hivaids/research/pages/researchprogram.aspx>
- UNAIDS Publications - <http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/Publications/default.asp>
- UNAIDS Science Now - <http://hivthisweek.unaids.org/>
- AVAC and amfAR Ending AIDS collaboration – <http://www.endingaids.org>

AIDS Vaccines

- Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise - <http://www.hivvaccineenterprise.org/>
- International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) - <http://www.iavi.org/>
- Michael Palm Basic Science, Vaccines & Prevention Project Weblog - <http://tagbasicscienceproject.typepad.com/>

Microbicides

- International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) - <http://www.ipmglobal.org/>
- International Rectal Microbicides Advocates (IRMA) - <http://www.rectalmicrobicides.org/>
- Microbicides Trial Network (MTN) - <http://www.mtnstopshiv.org/>

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

- PrEP Watch - <http://www.prepwatch.org/>
- PrEPFacts - <http://prepfacts.org/>
- FEM-PrEP (FHI 360) - <http://www.fhi360.org/projects/fem-prep>
- Global iPrEX site – Resources on the iPrEx trial (see above) - <http://iprexole.com/>
- Partners' PrEP - <http://depts.washington.edu/uwicrc/research/studies/PrEP.html>
- Bangkok Tenofovir Study - <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/newsroom/docs/PrEP-IDU-factsheet-508.pdf>

Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision

- Clearinghouse on Medical Male Circumcision (maintained by AVAC, FHI, UNAIDS and WHO) - <http://www.malecircumcision.org/>

Information on ongoing clinical trials

- Clinicaltrials.gov (registry and results database of federally and privately supported clinical trials conducted in the United States and around the world) - <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/home>
- Ongoing Clinical trials (IAVI) - <http://www.iavireport.org/trials-db/Pages/default.aspx>