



2015 Avant-Garde Award for HIV/AIDS Research

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Five scientists will receive the Avante-Garde Award for HIV/AIDS Research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), which is part of the National Institutes of Health, according to an [NIH press release](#).

Each of the scientists will receive \$500,000 a year for five years to continue their research. The goal is to explore creative approaches that could transform the HIV research field. The [NIDA website](#) offers more information about the awards, and a [video announcement](#) explains more about this year's winners.

This year's awardees are:

- Don C. Des Jarlais, PhD, of Mount Sinai Beth Israel, New York City, for a project on reducing HIV transmissions among injection drug users
- Eli Gilboa, PhD, of the University of Miami School of Medicine, for a project to develop drugs that restore the function of T-cells
- Nichole Klatt, PhD, of the University of Washington, Seattle, for a project that explores using cannabis to reduce inflammation and viral persistence
- Alan D. Levine, PhD, of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, for a project on repairing intestinal barrier protection from HIV and drug use
- Tariq M. Rana, PhD, of the University of California, San Diego, for a project to better understand the molecular mechanisms of brain disorders caused by HIV and crystal meth

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