

2025 TRANSLATIONAL HIV VACCINE ESI CONFERENCE



September 29–30 2025
Madison, WI

DAY 1

Monday, Sep 29

All main sessions will take place in the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) Room

8:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenters bring slides to AV team	MGC Room
9:00 AM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes, Changes, Changes: real-time evolution at NIH	Alison Roxby, MD, MSc
9:30 AM	HVTN Current Portfolio, HVTN 302: A "Discovery Medicine" Trial and Opportunities for Collaboration	Will Hahn, MD
10:15 AM	Coffee Break	Park View Room
10:30 AM	5-Minute Short Talks by ESI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group 1: Coinfection• Group 2: Public Health• Group 3: Immunology	Moderator: Koen Van Rompay, DVM, PhD
12:00 PM	Lunch	Park View Room
1:00 PM	5-Minute Short Talks by ESI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group 4: Reservoirs• Group 5: Vaccines• Group 6: Primate Models	Moderator: Ashley Nelson, MS, PhD
2:25 PM	Break: Snack & Peer Reviews of Talks	Park View Room
3:00 PM	Manuscript Writing: Didactics Small Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic: <i>have 2 or fewer first author manuscripts</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (1) Megan O'Connor, PhD / Jen Manuzak, PhD• Medium: <i>have 3–10 first author manuscripts</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (2) Koen Van Rompay, DVM, PhD / Diane Bolton, PhD◦ (3) Ashley Nelson, MS, PhD / Guido Ferrari, MD• Advanced: <i>have >10 first author manuscripts</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (4) Wilton Williams, PhD / Shelby O'Connor, PhD	Smita Iyer, PhD Capitol View Room MGC Room Langdon Room
4:30 PM	Networking Reception	Tripp Commons – 2 nd Floor

DAY 2

Tuesday, Sep 30

All main sessions will take place in the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) Room

8:00 AM Breakfast and AV Set Up

9:00 AM Grant Writing Workshop: Didactics then Small Groups

Leads: Guido Ferrari, MD and Jen Manuzak, PhD

- Essentials of Grant Writing (Novice):
 - Group 1: Jen Manuzak, PhD / Koen Van Rompay, DVM, PhD
 - Group 2: Megan O'Connor, PhD / Wilton Williams, PhD
- Grant Writing for Faculty (Advanced):
 - Group 3: Ashley Nelson, MS, PhD / Diane Bolton, PhD
 - Group 4: Shelby O'Connor, PhD / Guido Ferrari, MD

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Capitol View &
Langdon Rooms

10:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Keynote: Host Immunity Associated with HIV-1 Broadly Neutralizing Antibody Induction in Neonatal Rhesus Macaques

Wilton Williams, PhD

12:00 PM Lunch

Park View Room

1:00 PM Non-NIH Funding Panel Discussion

- Institutional Pilot Awards, CFAR, Your Institution
- Foundation / Non-Profit Funding
- Working with Pharma
- Collaboration Strategies to Bring In Research Dollars

Panel:
Ashley Nelson, MS, PhD
Megan O'Connor, PhD
Wilton Williams, PhD
Jen Manuzak, PhD
Riti Sharan, PhD
Moderator:
Alison Roxby, MD, MSc

2:15 PM Break

Park View Room

2:30 PM Small Groups: 30-Minutes Each, Choose 2 to Attend

- Negotiating a Startup Package
 - Megan O'Connor, PhD / Smita Iyer, PhD
- Attending Meetings to Disseminate Your Work
 - Wilton Williams, PhD / Jen Manuzak, PhD
- Networking for Introverts
 - Guido Ferrari, MD / Diane Bolton, PhD
- Staff Scientist Roles
 - Koen Van Rompay, DVM, PhD / Riti Sharan, PhD

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Capitol View Room

Langdon Room

3:30 PM Closing and Group Photo

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