



## Washington University in St. Louis Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Call for Proposals: Pilot & Feasibility Program

### **Purpose:**

The major objective of this program is to provide research support to test innovative hypotheses involving nutrition and obesity in the prevention, pathogenesis, pathophysiology, and therapy of disease. It is hoped that a Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) Award will generate enough preliminary data for the investigator to obtain research funding from extramural sources (e.g., R01).

**Eligibility Criteria:** (see Appendix section [here](#) for more details)

1. New investigators without current or past NIH research project support (R01, P01 or R24) or other large extramural research support as a Program Director/Principle Investigator.
2. Established, funded investigators who are proposing new studies for a new hypothesis or direction in nutritional science or obesity, which are not directly related to previous or currently funded research, and need pilot data to justify further funding for this new idea.
3. Postdoctoral trainees who are in their last year of training, have suitable expertise and independence to design and carry out the planned experiments, and can provide documentation that they will be faculty members at Washington University at the time of the initiation of the award.
  - o Previous recipients of NORC Pilot & Feasibility (P&F) Award are eligible, but first priority will be given to those who have not been supported by this program.
  - o No citizenship requirement for P&F applicants.

### **Awards:**

- Awards of up to \$30,000 for one year are awarded.
- A second year of funding is available, but is a competitive process, and will depend upon successful progress and promise of adequate data to support renewal.

### **Deadline and Review Process:**

- Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2017.
- Awards will be announced September 15, 2017, and funding will begin October 1, 2017.

All applications will be reviewed by the NORC Internal and External Advisory Committee members for scientific merit, originality, relevance of the work to nutrition and obesity, the potential for the project to generate data for a successful peer-reviewed grant application, and the potential for the PI to develop into an independent investigator.

### **Terms of Awards:**

- All awardees must have appropriate institutional regulatory approvals (Human Research Protection Office-HRPO, Animal Studies, etc.) before funds will be released.
- Grantees will be required to meet with NORC Co-Director and to submit an annual progress report describing the results of their work, related publications and funding.
- If applying for a second year of funding, a full progress report on NIH 398 forms is required.
- All publications should acknowledge the Washington University NORC (P30 DK56341).

### **Questions:**

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To learn more about the Nutrition Obesity Research Center, go to the Center for Human Nutrition website ([chn.dom.wustl.edu/norc/about-norc.html](http://chn.dom.wustl.edu/norc/about-norc.html)).

Attachments:

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