



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PILOT AND FEASIBILITY PROGRAM

Letter of Intent due October 4, 2017 at midnight

The mission of the NIDDK-funded Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center (BNORC) is to facilitate and support the conduct of cutting edge basic and translational research in the fields of nutrition and obesity science in the Boston area. BNORC's Pilot and Feasibility Program provides funding on a competitive basis for new investigators who are transitioning to an independent line of research or established investigators with novel ideas in the area of nutrition and obesity research. Applications that address the themes of the Center will be given higher priority. These themes are: 1) Nutrient Metabolism in Health and Disease, 2) Brain Control of Feeding Behavior and Metabolism, and 3) Environmental and Genetic Influences on Obesity and Related Chronic Diseases. Please visit the Center's website (<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc>) for descriptions of these themes.

P&F awards are made with the expectation that the preliminary research supported by the pilot will lead to successful applications for additional external funding. Applicants are encouraged to consult and use BNORC Cores, which are as follows:

- Adipose Biology and Nutrient Metabolism (at Boston Medical Center and Tufts University)
- Epidemiology and Genetics (at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)
- Functional Genomics and Bioinformatics Core (at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center)
- Transgenic (at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Tufts University)

Eligibility: Eligible applicants fall into one of three categories, listed in order of priority for BNORC:

- (1) New investigator without current or past independent research support (i.e., NIH R01, P01) or equivalent support. Eligible applicants must have a faculty appointment or equivalent. MD fellows and senior postdoctoral fellows are eligible in this category but must have a formal mentor and are required to include a letter of support from their mentor(s).
- (2) Established, funded investigator with no previous work in nutrition- or obesity-related areas who wishes to apply their expertise to a nutrition- or obesity-related problem.
- (3) Established investigator in nutrition- or obesity-related areas who wishes to test the feasibility of a new or innovative idea that represents a significant departure from their funded research and which initiates a new collaboration with one or more other investigators active in nutrition- or obesity-related research.

How to Apply: The first step in the application process is the submission of a letter of intent, one-page proposal summary, NIH biosketch and letter from mentor (required for MD fellows and senior postdoctoral fellows only). These materials must be submitted via the Center's website (<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/>) as a single PDF file no later than October 4, 2017.

Submission forms, additional details about the program and eligibility criteria may be found on our website at <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/> and/or contact Andrew S. Greenberg (Andrew.Greenberg@tufts.edu) for scientific matters, or Donna Gibson (dgibson@bu.edu) for administrative issues.