

**Pilot and Feasibility Program 2018-2019**

**LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) – DUE July 23, 2018 at 10:00PM**

**Applicant Information:**

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| Name |  |
| Degree(s) |  |
| Academic Title |  |
| If MD or PhD Fellow or Senior Postdoc, please confirm that you have completed a minimum of 24 months of a fellowship. | **Yes** |
| Institution |  |
| Project Title |  |
| Email |  |
| Mentor (if applicable) |  |

**Check Category of Eligibility:**

New investigator without current or past independent research support (i.e., NIH R01, P01). MD and PhD fellows and senior postdoctoral fellows who have completed a minimum of 24 months of a fellowship who have formal mentors are eligible in this category.

Established Funded Investigator without previous or current research in the area of nutrition or obesity, proposing to study a problem in these areas.

Established Investigator in nutrition or obesity proposing an innovative project that is a substantial departure from previous areas of study.

**Check BNORC theme(s) that your project addresses (please refer to http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/ for a description of themes):**

Nutrient Metabolism in Health and Disease

Brain Control of Feeding Behavior and Metabolism

Environmental and Genetic Influences on Obesity and Related Chronic Diseases

**Attach the following and submit as one PDF file using this form as the cover page:**

* *NIH Biosketch* (*with an appropriate personal statement and current other support*)
* *Letter of support (2-page maximum) from mentor (required only for MD and PhD fellows and senior post-doctoral fellows) that includes the following components:*

1. Description of trainee’s path to independence;
2. Evidence that the proposed project belongs to the trainee;
3. Statement of departmental support available to the trainee during the 1-2 year period of the proposed project.

* *One page summary of proposal that includes the following* *components:*

1. Description of how the applicant fits into one of the eligibility categories;
2. Brief description of the background, gap in knowledge to be addressed, and objectives of the proposed project; and
3. **Description of how the P&F project will provide critical preliminary data for a planned proposal to the NIH or other funding agencies.**

Additional details of the eligibility requirements and instructions for submitting your Letter of Intent (LOI) may be found at http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/. Please contact Andrew Greenberg, Associate Director (andrew.greenberg@tufts.edu) or Donna Gibson, Center Administrator (dgibson@bu.edu ◦ 617-358-7042) with any questions about the requested information or the submission process. LOIs will be reviewed in July-August. Full proposals (invitation only) will be due in September. We anticipate that Year 1 funding will begin no later than November 1, 2018.