



## CALL FOR PILOT FEASIBILITY (P&F) APPLICATIONS

The Nutrition Obesity Research Center at Harvard is delighted to announce our that we are requesting applications for our Pilot & Feasibility Award.

*Invited research includes investigation broadly related to nutrition, metabolism, and obesity. Applicants should be affiliated with Harvard Medical School (HMS), Harvard School of Public Health, or an HMS Affiliate institution. Proposals across the research spectrum (T1-T4) are welcome.*

**DEADLINE: April 1, 2020**

**Eligible applicants** fall into one of 3 categories: (1) early career investigators in nutrition, metabolism, or obesity; (2) established investigators new to the field of nutrition, metabolism or obesity research; or (3) established investigators in the field looking for funding for a new direction in nutrition, metabolism or obesity research. Investigators from any Harvard institution are eligible to apply. Per NIH rules, fellows are not allowed to be PI of these grants, but final-year fellows may apply if the grant would be awarded after completion of their fellowship. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of our Core services.

**Please note:** We had great success with the 2019 RFA for Applicants from Underrepresented in Medicine (URM) backgrounds and we are now incorporating that application process into this 2020 application cycle. We highly encourage URM applicants to apply for P&F funding in response to this RFA, and we are committed to providing funding to a diverse group of P&F investigators.

**DEADLINE:** Application must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020**. Decisions will be communicated to applicants by Monday, June 15, 2020. The funding cycle is August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:** Applications are required to use PHS 398 grant forms where appropriate. Proposals must be single spaced and follow the NIH format guidelines. Please submit the entire application as a single PDF file using the form here. Preference will be given to junior investigators particularly those with K awards or equivalent. All applications are encouraged to consider utilizing and incorporating Center core services in the proposal if applicable.



- NIH Face Page
- Research Plan (5 pages, references are not included in the 5-page limit)
  - A) Specific Aims
  - B) Significance
  - C) Innovation
  - D) Approach
  - E) Relevance of the Proposed Project to the theme of nutrition/obesity/metabolism
  - F) References
- NIH Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period
- NIH Form Page 5: Budget for Entire Proposed Project Period \*include Budget Justification
- NIH Biographical Sketch (for PI and all Key Personnel involved in the project)
- NIH Other Support Page (PI only)
- NIH Inclusion Enrollment Report (if applicable)
- Protection of Human Subjects/Animals (if applicable)
- Facilities and Other Resources
- Letter of Support
- List of Reviewers (include 3 or 4 names as suggested reviewers)
  - Include their full names, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address
- Appendix (optional)

Download the PHS 398 instructions and forms [here](#).

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FUNDS MAY BE USED:**

Funds may be used for technical support including salary for research assistance and supplies. Equipment less than \$5,000 can be requested.

**EXPENDITURES NOT ALLOWED:**

- Principal Investigator, or Mentor salary support
- Secretarial/administrative personnel salary support
- Computers
- Tuition
- Travel (Domestic and Foreign)
- Publication Costs
- Dues and Membership Fees
- Equipment costing \$5,000 or more
- Indirect Costs

**MAXIMUM AWARD:**

Please submit a budget for up to \$30,000 in direct costs. The period of funding is for one year, beginning **August 1, 2020**. Investigators will be eligible to reapply for a second year of funding through competitive renewal in subsequent general P&F Cycles starting in Spring, 2021.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For non-science related questions about the application, please contact Nika Grzejka at 617-643-0412 or [egrzejka@partners.org](mailto:egrzejka@partners.org)

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