



MEMORANDUM

To: UNC Faculty Members

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Re: Request for Letters of Intent: 2012 UNC Nutrition Obesity Research Center Pilot & Feasibility Grant Program

Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2011

The UNC Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) is currently accepting letters of intent for 1-2 year grants of approximately \$20,000/year for Pilot & Feasibility research projects in nutrition or obesity.

Pilot & Feasibility (P&F) projects may be biomedical, epidemiological or clinical. They may include laboratory or non-laboratory research projects that focus either on human nutrition or on animal work that could be translated to human nutrition. Human nutrition projects may focus on inpatient or outpatient studies or on epidemiological or community-based research that is social or behavioral in nature. In addition to funding projects under our core focus areas (Diet, Physical Activity and Body Composition; Molecular Biology and Nutritional Biochemistry; Nutrition Communication for Health Applications and Interventions (CHAI); and Animal Metabolism Phenotyping), we are also interested in funding projects that focus on Nutrigenomics (genome-wide association studies and mouse genetics), Bioinformatics, Metabolomics, and the use of the Collaborative Cross mouse resource.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Applicant must be a faculty member at UNC-CH
- Applicant must be a junior investigator who has not previously received NIH R01 support OR an established investigator whose expertise and research lie outside the area of nutrition and/or obesity, but who has developed a new or innovative idea in nutritional sciences and/or an obesity-related area.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a “Letter of Intent” and an NIH-style biosketch by **Friday, October 28, 2011**. The letter should include your project title, hypothesis and the questions you wish to ask. It should also provide a brief overview of the nature, significance and experimental approach of the proposed research. Tell us whether the data your research will generate is pilot data or will answer your major question; what you will do with the pilot data generated; and where this research will lead. Letters of Intent are limited to *one page* and should be in 11 pt (Ariel, Georgia, Palatino Linotype or Helvetica) font. Letters should be sent to Michelle Collins in via campus mail (CB# 7461) or by email (mcc@email.unc.edu).

The review committee will evaluate the letters of intent and will notify the selected investigators no later than Monday, November 21st of their decision. Selected applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be due Friday, February 3, 2012. Funding for successful applications will begin on April 1, 2012.

For more information on the P&F program, please visit <http://www.sph.unc.edu/cnrc/pilot.html>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rosalind Coleman at rcoleman@unc.edu or (919) 966-7213.