

## Announcement: 2018 NORC Pilot and Feasibility Program Grant Announcement

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### Description

The Nutrition Obesity Research Center (**NORC**) <sup>[1]</sup> at UCSF is sponsoring an open Request for Applications (RFA) for Pilot and Feasibility Grants, which provide funding for investigators to pursue novel and promising ideas broadly relevant to nutrition, obesity, and metabolism research. The NORC P&F Program is funded through a Center grant from NIDDK to facilitate the engagement of junior faculty and encourage new directions in NORC related research, regardless of a laboratory's historical research focus.

UCSF Pilot funding of up to **\$50,000** per application is available for a period of 12 months from the time of award.

Sufficient financial support during the P&F funding year is intended to aid the research project to eventually secure extramural (preferably NIH) funding. Applicants are encouraged to make use of the Core Services supported by the NORC (see <http://norc.ucsf.edu/cores> <sup>[2]</sup>) and will benefit from the subsidized rates independently of current NORC membership. Grantees must participate and present in the yearly NORC retreat. **Publications resulting the P&F award must acknowledge NORC Award P30DK098722.**

### Due Date

Applications are Due at Midnight on **Monday, June 4th, 2018**. We expect to make funding decisions by **July 1, 2018**.

### Eligibility

Junior faculty engaged in research broadly relevant to nutrition, obesity, and metabolism who do not yet have NIH R01 funding.

### Review Criteria

NIH review criteria (Significance, Investigators, Innovation, Approach, Environment) will be used. The reviewers will examine proposals for innovative research that will generate data

sufficient for future extramural funding opportunities broadly related to metabolism, obesity and nutrition. Collaborative efforts with UCSF Faculty currently engaged in related research may better enable completion of approved research programs. Collaborative projects with colleagues at **UCB/UC Davis/Buck Institute/CHORI** are encouraged. Please contact Holly Ingraham ([holly.ingraham@ucsf.edu](mailto:holly.ingraham@ucsf.edu) <sup>[3]</sup>) if more information is needed.

## Application

Submit compiled PDF that contains the following information to Ms. Anne Sufka via email: [anne.sufka@ucsf.edu](mailto:anne.sufka@ucsf.edu) <sup>[4]</sup> by stated deadline:

- **Cover Page** - Title of Project, Name(s), Title, Department, Contact Info, and Pre-Award Departmental Contact
- **Research Plan - Not to exceed 2 pages** excluding references - 0.5" margins, Arial/Times 11 font
- **Statement of collaboration** detailing interaction with NORC and proposed CORE usage on separate page (1-2 paragraphs)
- **Budget and Budget Justification**
- **NIH Biosketch of PI** (and Co-PI, if applicable)

## Review Process

Applications are pre-reviewed by a board consisting of the Director of the UCSF NORC and the leaders of the NORC research programs. Selected applications are subsequently sent out to 2 extramural reviewers. The UCSF board makes funding decisions based upon the reviews and portfolio balance. All required approvals must be completed before funding is released. This year we will strive to fund applications that span Clinical or Basic Science projects.

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