MEMORANDUM

To: UNC Faculty Members

From: Rosalind Coleman, MD
Director, UNC Nutrition Obesity Research Center’s Pilot & Feasibility Program

Re: Request for Pre-Proposals: 2019 Pilot & Feasibility Grant Program

Deadline: Friday, October 26, 2018

The UNC Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) is currently accepting pre-proposals for 1-2 year grants of approximately $40,000 in total direct costs 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, on animal work that could be translated to human nutrition, or on basic research related to nutrition or obesity. Human nutrition projects may focus on inpatient or outpatient studies or on epidemiological or community-based research that is social or behavioral in nature.

Our Center’s research is organized around five central themes:
- Causes and Prevention of Obesity
- Clinical Nutrition and Chronic Diseases in Populations
- Metabolic Responses, Metabolic Variation and Requirements for Nutrients
- Nutritional Interventions and Nutrition Behaviors
- Pregnancy, Child Growth, and Development

We are interested in funding projects in our core focus areas (Diet and Physical Activity; Metabolic Molecular Phenotyping Core; Communication for Health Applications and Interventions (CHAI); Animal Metabolism Phenotyping; Microbiome; Nutrigenetics; Metabolomics; Human Research Core). Please go to https://sph.unc.edu/norc/about/ for additional information about our cores.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicants must be
- Faculty members at UNC-CH (research associates and postdoctoral fellows are not eligible)
- New investigators without current or past NIH research support (R01, P01 or R24) as a PD/PI
  OR
- Established, funded investigators with no previous work in nutritional sciences and/or obesity who wish to test the applicability of their expertise to a nutritional science and/or obesity-related problem.

How to Apply
To apply for funding, please submit a pre-proposal application and an NIH-style biosketch by the close of business on Friday, October 26, 2018. The pre-proposal should exactly follow the format that is given on the attached template. Pre-proposals are limited to one page and should be written in Arial 11 font. Please send the requested documentation to Liz Breitwise via email (lbwise@unc.edu).

The review committee will evaluate the pre-proposal applications and notify the selected investigators no later than Monday, December 3, 2018. Selected applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be due on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Funding for successful applications will begin on April 1, 2019. For more information about the P&F program, please feel free to contact Dr. Rosalind Coleman at rcoleman@unc.edu or (919) 966-7213.