



## GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### Pilot & Feasibility Grants for Nutrition & Obesity Research Center (NORC)

**Due: Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59pm**

The UT Southwestern Nutrition and Obesity Research Center (NORC) is soliciting proposals for Pilot and Feasibility Grants (P&F) to support studies on nutrition, obesity and obesity-related disorders. Projects that will be supported include the following areas:

- Nutrition
- Mechanisms underlying body weight homeostasis
- Obesity and obesity-related disorders

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be an independent investigator and faculty member at UT Southwestern. Postdoctoral fellows or their equivalents are not eligible.
- New investigators beginning research careers focused on nutrition, obesity, and obesity-related complications, without current or past extramural research support equivalent to an NIH R01, VA Merit Award, or P01 as a principal investigator.
- Established investigators with no previous work in nutrition/obesity who wish to apply their expertise to a problem in this area
- Established nutritional sciences or obesity investigators who wish to take an entirely new direction from their usual work

**AWARD:** Up to \$50,000 for one year, with a possibility of renewal for one additional year with exceptional progress. Awardees also receive prorated costs for use of NORC Metabolic Core Facilities.

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by 11:59pm October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023. Proposals will be reviewed by the UTSW-NORC committee composed of internal and external physicians and scientists. Up to four recipients will be selected, funding will commence January 1, 2024.

**PROPOSAL CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES:** Only one application per faculty member is permitted. Collaborative efforts are welcomed. Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Proposals should be organized as follows:

**Abstract** (1 page – if awarded this will be posted on NORC website)

**Specific Aims** (1 page)

**Research Proposal** (4 pages maximum) – background and significance, innovation, plans for future funding, preliminary data, and experimental design.

**References/Bibliography** (2 pages maximum)

**Budget** (1 page) Funds may not be applied to salary support for PI or faculty (but can support staff). Travel (except as related to NORC project) or purchase of equipment are also not allowed.

**BioSketch** in the NIH format (5 page maximum), with listing of current funding.

**Letter of support** from your department chair, division chief or center director.

SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS AS A **SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT** TO: [UTSWNORC@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU](mailto:UTSWNORC@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU)  
FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT NORC P&F CO-DIRECTORS, JOYCE REPA OR JOEL ELMQUIST