Diabetes Research & Training Center Grant
Covers Basic and/or Clinic Research related to Diabetes, Metabolism and/or Obesity

Deadline: February 4, 2019

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES RELATING TO PILOT AND FEASIBILITY APPLICATIONS:
An individual must be a member of the Vanderbilt or Meharry faculty (Instructor or above) and must fit within NIH Guidelines for eligibility. DRTC P&F grants are intended to provide support for studies that allow an investigator to develop preliminary data sufficient to prepare an application for independent research support through conventional granting mechanisms. P&F support is targeted to any investigator, new or established, from other fields willing to bring their research expertise to diabetes-relevant research, for investigators currently in the diabetes area whose proposed research would constitute a totally new direction, and for clinical and basic researchers who propose a joint research project. An investigator is eligible for DRTC P&F support only once.

$45,000 per year for up to two years.

Some examples of individuals who are eligible for research P&F funding are:
1. A study proposed by a new investigator with an interest in a career in research in diabetes or obesity before he/she has yet developed to the point of being able to obtain individual grant support.
2. A study proposed by an established investigator who has experience in other areas and who wants to test ideas related to diabetes or obesity.
3. A study by an established investigator in diabetes or obesity who wants to pursue a question in a substantially different area from, or brings new technologies to, his/her current research field.
4. A study proposed between clinical and basic investigators (new or established) to test a question of translational relevance to diabetes or obesity.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:
The application should be submitted on the NIH form PHS 398, which can be obtained from the website: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html

The pages we require are:
face page
abstract
key personnel
biosketch(es)
resources
research description (FIVE PAGE LIMIT)
literature cited pages and letters of collaboration or support.

No budget pages needed until an award is made.

The application must be assembled into a single PDF document that contains all grant materials and letters of collaboration. Research track faculty MUST include a letter from his/her laboratory director or departmental chair describing how this award will serve in developing an independent research program and external research funding.
Submit the following by February 4, 2019, 11:59 PM:
1. The PDF should be submitted electronically to dc.brown@vumc.org.
2. Supply one list of recommendations of TWO internal reviewers and TWO external reviewers who are not members of your department or collaborators.
3. FIVE hard copies should be delivered or mailed to Deborah Brown in Room 807-B Light Hall (0202) between 7:30 - 4:00 during the week following the deadline.

Note: It is NOT necessary for the application to go through the Office of Research prior to submission.

QUESTIONS: Persons considering submitting a proposal and not certain of eligibility or persons with questions about Pilot and Feasibility grants should contact Dr. Roland Stein (615-322-7026 or roland.stein@vanderbilt.edu). For questions about the grant submission process, please contact Ms. Deborah Brown (615-322-7990 or dc.brown@vumc.org).

REVIEW CRITERIA: Proposed P&F studies should present a testable hypothesis and clearly delineate the question being asked, detail procedures to be followed, and discuss how the data will be analyzed and lead to future studies.

Grants receive both internal and external review. Emphasis is placed on how the research might lead to new research ideas or research funding. For junior investigators, additional considerations include how this award will impact your career and the potential of the applicant to compete for independent research funding in the future.

Funded investigators will be asked to prepare a yearly progress report and participate in the DRTC Seminar Series and Diabetes Day Program.