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Request for Applications (RFA): 2022 COURAGE Pilot & Feasibility Grants

Seeking applications for Pilot & Feasibility (P&F)

Grants related to **Nutrition, Obesity, and Diabetes.**

The award is \$50,000 over one year.

[Click here to apply.](#)

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants must be at a postdoctoral level or above. They must be from an underrepresented background, defined as individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis (Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders). The research topic must be in nutrition, metabolism, obesity, or diabetes. There is no restriction on the institution from which the applicant applies, i.e., awards can be made to any institution, including our partner institutions in the application, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Puerto Rico. Preference will be given to early-career investigators.

Deadline:

The application must be submitted by **8:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023**. We expect to announce awards by April 3, 2023. The funding period will begin on June 1, 2023 and it will support 1 year of research.

New Applicants:

Proposals must be single-spaced and follow the NIH format guidelines. Please submit the entire application as a single PDF file in this [form](#).

- 1) Biosketch (2-page limit)
- 2) Research plan (5 pages, bibliography is not included in the 5-page limit)
 - a) Specific aims
 - b) Significance
 - c) Innovation
 - d) Approach
 - e) Relevance of the proposed project to the theme of nutrition/obesity/metabolism
 - f) Bibliography
- 3) Budget and budget justification



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- 4) Letter of support from a mentor, division chief, or department chair
- 5) Facilities and other resources
- 6) The names of at least 3 suggested reviewers who are familiar with the scientific area and are not direct collaborators or mentors
- 7) If applicable, the protection of human subjects/animals

Please note: Any P&F projects that propose a clinical trial of more than minimal risk require prior approval from NIDDK, which we will obtain upon successful review of your project. If your P&F project is considered to involve human subjects and is awarded, you will be asked to provide additional information required by NIDDK before the project start date. It is recommended that your initial application include a clear description of the study population, sample size, and power.

Purposes for which funding may be used:

Expenditures allowed:

- Principal investigator salary support
- Travel (domestic and foreign) if it directly related to the grant
- Publication costs
- Funds may be used for technical support, including salary for research assistance and supplies. Consultants are allowed. Equipment less than \$5,000 can be requested.

Expenditures not allowed:

- Indirect costs
- Mentor and co-investigator salary support
- Secretarial/administrative personnel salary support
- Dues and membership fees
- Tuition
- Subawards (consortium agreements)
- Computers, laptops, and peripherals

Please note that since part of the criteria for grant funding includes the applicant's accomplishments and potential for success, these grants may NOT be transferred to another PI once awarded.

Maximum Award:

Please submit a budget for up to \$50,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs are not supported. The period of funding is for one year, beginning June 1, 2023.

Review Process:

All applications will receive scientific review by at least 2 reviewers. Preference will be given to early stage investigators.

Contact:

For information about the COURAGE program visit www.courageprogram.com

For non-science-related questions, please contact our team at MGHCOURAGEprogram@mgh.harvard.edu.

For science-related questions, please contact Dr. Takara Stanley at 617-724-9109 or tstanley@partners.org.

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