

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PILOT AND FEASIBILITY RESEARCH AWARDS

The Diabetes Research Center (DRC) is soliciting applications for Pilot and Feasibility Research Awards, which are intended to develop new research in the area of diabetes and its complications at the University of Washington.

Purpose: The Pilot and Feasibility Research Awards are sponsored by the DRC and funded by the National Institutes of Health. Their purpose is to foster development of new diabetes investigators, particularly junior faculty, at the University of Washington (UW).

Eligibility:

- New or established UW faculty who wish to develop a research program related to diabetes.
- Established UW investigators in the diabetes field who wish to develop an innovative diabetes-related project that differs significantly from their ongoing research interests.
- Note:(1) Funding priority will be assigned to meritorious applications from junior faculty that have not previously been in receipt of major peer-reviewed funding.
 - (2) Applicants must have full-time faculty appointments at the commencement of the award and be independent investigators.

Support: Applicants may request up to \$50,000 per year for one or two years. Approval for a second year will depend upon demonstration of satisfactory progress and availability of funds. The number of awards and funding levels to be granted will be based on the scientific merits of successful proposals. The awards can be used for principal investigator salary, technical support and research expenses. Salary support for postdoctoral fellows or graduate students is not allowed. **Funding begins July 1, 2016.**

Application: Prospective applicants must submit a <u>mandatory</u> letter of intent (LOI) that summarizes pertinent information needed to assess eligibility. The LOI form can be downloaded from the DRC website at the <u>2016 P&F Call Form page</u>. LOIs submitted in other formats will not be accepted. In addition to the LOI, applicants will be required to submit a list of suitable reviewers.

Letters of intent are due by <u>January 4</u>, <u>2016</u> and are to be uploaded to the <u>2016 P&F Call Form page</u>.

Eligible applicants will be given detailed instructions regarding the application process. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their research plans with either Dr. Sakeneh Zraika (Director, P&F Programs) or Dr. Chris Hampe (Associate Director, P&F Programs) prior to submission. Applications require approval by the applicant's departmental chairperson or division head. Approvals for human subjects, animal use and/or biohazards must be obtained prior to initiation of funding but are not required for submitting the application.

Deadline: Applications are due by February 16, 2016

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