GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Pilot & Feasibility Grants for Nutrition & Obesity Research Center (NORC)
Due: Wednesday November 11, 2026 @ 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.
- Former UTSW-NORC P&F awardees are not eligible.

AWARD: Up to $50,000 for one year, and prorated costs for use of NORC Metabolic Core Facilities.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by 11:59pm November 11, 2026. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of NORC faculty, both internal and external physicians and scientists. Up to four recipients will be selected, funding will commence January 1, 2027.

PROPOSAL CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES: Only one application per faculty member is permitted. Collaborative efforts are welcomed.

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
FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT NORC P&F CO-DIRECTORS, JOYCE REPA OR JOEL ELMQUIST