

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Michigan Center for Diabetes Translational Research (MCDTR) 2025 Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program

Application Due Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (5:00 PM)

PURPOSE

This *Pilot and Feasibility (P/F) Grant Program* is sponsored by the Michigan Center for Diabetes Translational Research (MCDTR). Its purpose is to promote research in diabetes by new and established investigators at the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The goal of the program is to accelerate the pace of research and enable awardees to generate sufficient preliminary data for successful applications for major research funding from the NIH or other national granting agency.

Grant proposals must focus on type 2 translational research in diabetes: the translation of research advances into widespread clinical or community practice. The research may focus on the identification of barriers to widespread adoption of new science and the testing of interventions to overcome those barriers.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who have instructional, research, or clinical **faculty** positions at the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are eligible to apply as Principal Investigators for P/F proposals. Eligible applicants are: a) new investigators beginning careers in diabetes-related research; b) established investigators who have not previously worked in diabetes research but wish to focus their expertise on diabetes; or c) established diabetes investigators who propose innovative research in diabetes that represents a clear departure from their ongoing research. This new direction cannot be an extension or outgrowth of research currently being undertaken by the applicant. Priority will be given to applications from early-stage investigators beginning careers in diabetes-related translational research.

PROPOSALS

P/F proposals should be for one year of support, with requested funding **up to \$50,000 direct costs**.

Each proposal will receive extramural peer review by recognized experts in the area of the proposal. Funding of P/F grants that receive favorable review is anticipated to begin August 1, 2025.

P/F grant awardees are queried annually by the MCDTR administrative staff and are required to provide information on the publications and funding that stem from the P/F grant as this information must be reported to NIH. P/F grant awardees are also expected to present their research at our Annual MCDTR Diabetes Symposium generally held each year in the spring.

TO APPLY THROUGH COMPETITION SPACE:

- Visit umms.infoready4.com
- For those from UNC-Chapel Hill, click in upper right-hand corner to register.
- From the list of titles, select Michigan Center for Diabetes Translational Research (MCDTR) Pilot/Feasibility Grant Program.
- Download the P/F Application and other Required Application Materials located on the right-hand side of the page (**Competition Files**). The P/F Application file contains detailed instructions.
- When you are ready to submit your application, select “**Apply**” from the right-hand menu in this Competition Space. Log in with your unickname and Level 1 (Kerberos) password.
- All details are automatically saved as you enter them. When you are ready to submit, click "Submit Application" at the bottom of the page. You will receive a confirmation email once your application has been submitted.

Questions regarding eligibility and ideas for proposal: Please contact Ed Fisher, edfisher@unc.edu, and Pat Tang, ptang@unc.edu

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