We are pleased to announce the availability of funds for Pilot and Feasibility Projects with a start date of: August 1, 2019

**Purpose:**

Pilot & Feasibility Studies are research projects aimed at:

1) Attracting more junior investigators of the faculty into the area of diabetes-related type II translational research;

2) Allowing more established investigators who are not currently engaged in diabetes type II translational research to extend their investigations into this important area; or

3) Permitting any investigator to test a novel hypothesis of relevance to diabetes type II translational research which might not yet meet NIH requirements for R01 or R18 funding.

It is strongly anticipated that the results of these pilot projects will eventually permit investigators to compete successfully for more standard sources of research support. The proposed project must be significantly different from funded research already being conducted by the Principal Investigator. Collaborations across institutions are strongly encouraged.

Trainees, fellows, undergraduate students, medical students, and residents are not eligible to apply. Any one investigator is eligible only once for this support, unless the additional proposed pilot and feasibility study constitutes a real departure from his/her ongoing research.

Applicants must be CCDTR members to apply. If you would like to become a CCDTR member, please send the following to Annette Hannah (ahannah 3@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu) before submitting an application:

1. Current NIH Biosketch
2. List of grant support
3. A cover letter describing your research interests

**Members benefit in the following ways:**

- Your relevant research topics, achievements, and upcoming events will be posted to the CCDTR website
- Further integration and collaboration in research areas
- Opportunity to attend weekly meetings to share research ideas and get feedback on manuscripts and grant proposals
- Access to shared resources
- Regular interaction with Center Investigators
- Eligibility for Pilot Grants Program
- Your name will be listed on our website under "People" tab, in the Core Investigators section [http://chicagodiabetesresearch.org/core-investigators/](http://chicagodiabetesresearch.org/core-investigators/).
**Research Topics:**

Type II diabetes translational research is defined as research focused on translating interventions/approaches into real world health care settings, communities, and populations at risk. Type II translational research might include effectiveness, dissemination, implementation, and cost effectiveness research. The target of this type of the research can be varied to include individuals, families, healthcare practitioners or systems, communities, and/or policy makers. Projects utilizing methods of health services research, public health research, community-based participatory research, cost-effectiveness research and behavioral intervention research are prioritized. Please feel free to ask for guidance if you are unsure about the suitability of your topic or project.

**Period and Amount of Funding:**

Pilot and Feasibility Studies will be funded for 12 months beginning **August 1, 2019**. Pilot and Feasibility Studies are funded up to $25,000* in direct costs. Funds may be requested for personnel, supplies, service and other costs, as for any NIH grant application. There is no support for the Principal Investigator’s salary or indirect costs, so they should not be included in the budget.

Successful candidates will be required to report their progress 6 months into the fiscal year and at the end of the grant in 12 months.

*Funding amount can change without prior notice.

**Applications:**

*Proposal Format: Arial, 11 pt. font, minimum of 0.5 inch margins. Please follow NIH guidance when completing the necessary proposal materials.*

*The science portion (#’s 3-4) should be no longer than 6 pages in length combined (not including the cited literature).*

1. PHS 398 Face Page
2. List of Investigator(s) and Co-Investigators – Include name, academic title, institution, email address, and phone number
3. **Specific Aims**
4. Research Strategy (significance, innovation, approach)*
5. Literature Cited
6. Budget (use PHS 398 form page 4)
7. Detailed Budget Justification
8. PI Biographical Sketch (NIH formatted)
9. Protection of Human Subjects (if applicable)
10. Data Safety Monitoring Plan (if applicable; note: required for all non-exempt human subject studies, regardless if a clinical trial).
11. Inclusion of Children, Women and Minorities (if applicable)
12. Inclusion Enrollment Report (if applicable)
13. Letters of support are only required for collaborations with partnering institutions and/or organizations.

The application does not need to be signed by an authorized official at this time.

The PHS 398 forms can be found at: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html)

**How to Submit:**

Applicants should submit 1 electronic **PDF version** of the completed grant application no later than **Monday, April 1, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. Central Time.**
Please submit application by email to **Annette Hannah** at ahannah.3@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu

Questions about the application process should be sent to:

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