

**CU NORC/KC CHLN Collaborative Pilot Program
2020 Call for Applications**

Program Description and Goals. The University of Colorado Nutrition and Obesity Research Center (CU NORC) and the Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition in Kansas City (KC CHLN) are requesting applications for an inter-institutional, collaborative pilot and feasibility project with relevance to ***pediatric/adolescent nutrition and/or obesity***. The goal of the program is to spawn inter-institutional collaboration, while helping junior investigators build their independent research programs. Potential topics that fall within the scope of this program include, but are not limited to: early life influences affecting long term health, perinatal programming of disease, the impact of lifestyle and nutrition on the development and/or treatment of obesity, exercise, physical (in)activity, obesity-related co-morbidities, and interventions for better health.

Eligibility Requirements. Junior faculty members (Instructor or Assistant Professor) who have not yet acquired R01-level funding are preferred, but any center faculty member is eligible to apply. Eligible faculty from underrepresented minority populations, those with disabilities, or those from disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications require a multiple PD/PI proposal with one Co-PI from each institution. Use of one of the CU NORC Core laboratories and/or one of the shared resources at the CHLN KC in the proposed project is strongly encouraged and will be viewed a relative strength.

Building Collaborative Partners Via Enrichment Activities. Faculty members interested in applying are encouraged to build inter-institutional collaborations by engaging in virtual enrichment programs offered by each Center during the Fall of 2020. The Colorado NORC supports a number of formal seminar programs, journal clubs, and topic-centered working groups that have moved to a virtual format for the Fall semester (<http://cunorc.org/enrichment/>). Likewise, KC CHLN has a number of virtual enrichment activities planned for the Fall (<http://chlnkc.org/announcements/>).

Funding Mechanism. Multiple PD/PI Proposals can request up to \$50,000 (direct costs) with a funding distribution that reflects equivalent work at each institution (\$25k to each Co-PI). The team should plan a budget period of 1 year, but the program will allow 2 years for the team to complete the proposed work. Successful applicants will be required to provide a year 1 progress report, and, if needed, a subsequent final report when the work is completed. No salary support for principal investigators is allowed, but salary may be requested for technical support. Expenses in general categories need to be justified.

Submission Deadline. End of Day, November 30th, 2020 -

Award Start Date. January 1st, 2021

Application Instructions, Materials, and Questions. If you have questions about the program or eligibility requirements, please contact Paul MacLean paul.maclean@cuanschutz.edu or Ann Davis adavis6@kumc.edu. To obtain application instructions, please contact:

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