

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Junior Faculty Development Pilot and Feasibility Award Program

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

The UW Medicine Diabetes Institute (UWMDI) is calling for letters of intent for applications to our Junior Faculty Development Pilot and Feasibility Award Program. The objective of the program is to advance the science and clinical care of diabetes and related disorders by 1) building the next generation of UWMDI scientists and 2) promoting both discovery and the translation of discoveries into clinical care. **Eligible applicants must** be UWMDI junior faculty investigators or affiliates at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor (including Acting faculty).

Competitive proposals will address significant barriers in clinical care or gaps in understanding of diabetes and related disorders. Moreover, the program is intended to fund the conduct of research projects for junior faculty pursuing an independent research program in diabetes or related disorders. The proposed pilot and feasibility work should clearly support future grant proposals to federal and/or non-federal sources.

A major emphasis of the UWMDI is promoting the translation of discoveries from the laboratory toward clinical implementation. Therefore, inclusion of a translational element or focus in the proposal will be evaluated and viewed favorably, both for projects that are primarily basic science oriented and projects that are primarily clinically oriented. Involvement with the UWMDI, such as use of UWMDI facilities and collaboration amongst UWMDI investigators (particularly when the collaboration enhances integration and creates opportunities for translational science), will also be evaluated and viewed favorably.

In this inaugural year, our intent is to fund **2** meritorious applications representative of the spectrum of basic to clinical science performed at UWMDI. Awards are up to \$50,000 per year for a maximum of 2 years, starting in June 2020.

A brief (one-page) letter of intent should include the name and faculty rank of the principal investigator and any co-investigator(s), the goals of the proposed project, the relevance to diabetes and related disorders of the proposed research, a brief outline of the proposed research, and a statement of the investigator's current and future involvement with the UWMDI. Please include a biosketch for the principal investigator and send by **FEBRUARY 28, 2020** via email to uwdi@uw.edu. Include a current department address, phone number, and email address so that we may contact you. Applicants who are accepted to submit a formal proposal will be required to do so by **APRIL 24, 2020**.

For questions, please email uwdi@uw.edu.