



HAROLD HAMM DIABETES CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Diabetes Research: Funding Available

By Center of Biologic Research Excellence (CoBRE)
Mentoring Diabetes Research in Oklahoma

<http://www.ouhsc.edu/odc/CoBRE/index.asp>

The Diabetes CoBRE Program at OUHSC is soliciting applications for Promising Junior Investigator (PJI) and Early Career Investigator (ECI) positions.

The goal of the CoBRE is to provide funds and mentorship for PJIs to become NIH-funded PIs and to support ECIs to receive new NIH funding. According to our policy, all current CoBRE-funded PJI and ECI positions are open for competitive renewal at the end of year 3 (June 30, 2015). Any investigator working in the state of Oklahoma who meets the requirements defined below, and who has a research project related to diabetes or diabetic complications, is welcome to apply. The current PJIs and ECIs funded by the CoBRE are welcome to apply for the renewal.

Eligibility of Applicants

1) Promising Junior investigator (PJI)

The PJI position is to provide mentoring and support for junior investigators without NIH grants to receive NIH funding. Applicants must be tenure-tracked Assistant Professor at an academic institution in the state of Oklahoma and without any funded R01 grant as PI (pending NIH grant is allowed). Applicants must demonstrate scientific training and achievement necessary to be competitive for NIH funding as PI. The applicant must submit an independent project with novelty, significance, and related to diabetes or its complications. This research project should have potential to lead to a submitted NIH R01 application within 12 months.

2) Early Career Investigator (ECI)

The ECI position is to support NIH-funded PIs to apply for a new NIH grant to study diabetes and diabetic complications. Applicants must hold a position at the ranks from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor at an academic institution in the state of Oklahoma. The applicant must have at least one active NIH R01 grant as PI in the area related to diabetes or diabetes complications, but the new project for the CoBRE application must be different from the NIH-funded project. The CoBRE project must be related to diabetes or diabetic complications and can result in a new NIH R01 application within 12 months.

Budget

Four candidates will be selected for CoBRE funding, starting July 1, 2015. The CoBRE will provide each PJI and ECI with \$100,000 to \$140,000 direct costs per year for up to 2 years.

Application

Please submit a cover letter, NIH formatted Biosketch, and 2-page scientific proposal to Barbara Turek by e-mail at Barbara-turek@ouhsc.edu. Inquiries to Barbara Turek.

Deadline

The application must be received by 9 Am, June 1, 2015

Review of the Applications

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the External Advisory Committee (EAC) of the CoBRE. The EAC is comprised of well-established and distinguished diabetes researchers who work at academic institutions outside the state of Oklahoma and provide independent oversight of the program.

Review Criteria

- 1) The training background, publication and funding record of the applicant and potential to receive a new NIH grant as PI.
- 2) Potential of the research project to receive NIH funding.

Considering the workload of the EAC members, no review critiques or score will be provided to applicants.

Responsibilities of PJIs and ECIs

The selected candidates are required to submit an R01 grant application to NIH by June 30, 2016. The PJIs and ECIs are required to participate in all CoBRE activities including attending all the meetings, reporting to EAC and the Internal Advisory Committee, and submitting an annual progress report. The PJI are also required to acknowledge the CoBRE award, including its NIH grant number, in their publications.