

**Pilot & Feasibility Grant**

**2026 APPLICATION**

AN INITIATIVE FUNDED BY

**NIH/NIDDK P30 DK020595**

Submission Due Date: Monday, December 15, 2025

Contact **Michelle Williams at** **mdwilliams@uchicago.edu** **with questions.**

**UPLOAD your completed application here:**<https://forms.gle/8JtXzcbbsT2tPALC8>

Revised September 2025**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
DIABETES RESEARCH AND TRAINGING CENTER**

**PILOT & FEASIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM**

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**FOR APPLICATIONS FROM CO-PIs, INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST REPRESENT BOTH PIs**

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**  **EMAIL:**

**RANK, DEPARTMENT, and SCHOOL, if appropriate:**

**INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:**

**INSTITUTIONAL EIN or DUNS NUMBER:**

**Co-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (if applicable):**  **EMAIL:**

**RANK, DEPARTMENT, and SCHOOL, if appropriate:**

**INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:**

**INSTITUTIONAL EIN or DUNS NUMBER:**

**TITLE OF PROPOSAL:**

**Provide a brief specification that the PI is a new investigator (Category 1), an established investigator new to diabetes-related research (Category 2), an established diabetes investigator pursuing a high impact/high risk project or project that is a significant departure from the PI’s usual work (Category 3), or an investigator developing new research techniques/technologies (Category 4). *A new investigator is a researcher who has not yet been funded as a PI on an NIH R01 grant or the equivalent.***

**CATEGORY** **[ ]**

**ADDRESS WHERE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED:**

**BUDGET PERIOD (maximum 12 months):**

From: (Month/Day/Year) To:(Month/Day/Year)

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

Total $ (may not exceed $40,000; indirect costs are not allowed)

 APPROVAL

YES NO PENDING PROTOCOL# DATE

RECOMBINANT DNA? **[ ]**  **[ ]**  **[ ]**

HUMAN SUBJECTS? **[ ]**  **[ ]**  **[ ]**

VERTEBRATE ANIMALS? **[ ]**  **[ ]**  **[ ]**

DOES THIS PROJECT INVOLVE CLINICAL RESEARCH? **[ ]**  **[ ]**  **[ ]**

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES: The undersigned agree(s) to accept responsibility for the scientific and technical conduct of the research project and for provision of required progress reports if a grant is awarded as the result of this application.**

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ABSTRACT** Provide a brief summary of your project in **500 words or less**. Include the project’s broad, long-term objectives and specific aims, a description of the research design/methods for achieving the stated goals, and DRTC interdisciplinary collaborations.

**INTRODUCTION** **(If this is a resubmission of a previous non-funded P&F application; not a new submission,** please provide a one-page response to how this resubmission responds to the reviewers’ previous comments. ***If this is a new submission, please indicate N/A*.)**

**RESEARCH PLAN** (Provide up to **5 pages** for the project’s research plan including, the AIMS page, *but not including references (no page limit for references).* The research plan should address the following review criteria: ***i)*** ***Significance***of the proposal to diabetes, obesity and metabolic diseases; ***ii) Innovation* –** projects proposing innovative ideas and/or technologies are most competitive; ***iii) Experimental Plan* –** provide a concise description of the proposed experiments and a timeline for their completion. Reviewers will also consider projects that leverage use of DRTC Core Services and collaborations between investigators at any of the DRTC affiliated institutions(The University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, Medical College of Wisconsin).

\*\*If this is an application for a second year of P&F funding of a previously funded award, please provide a maximum 1 page “Progress Report,” which should be incorporated within the 5-page limit.

**References** (not included in page limit)

**Required Additional Pages (Appendices)**

* **Key Personnel**
* **Other Support** for each key personnel limited to 2 pages each
* **NIH Biosketch** for each key personnel in new format, limited to 5 pages each
* **Description of Facilities and Resources** available to the applicant
* **Budget** in NIH format with budget justification
1. Supplies and costs must relate directly to the performance of the project.
2. Travel should be limited to the amount necessary to achieve the aims of the project.
3. No-cost extensions will not be awarded.
* **Approved current institutional vertebrate animal care form** (if applicable)
* **Approved current institutional human subjects’ selection criteria form** (if applicable)

Principal Investigator (Last, first, middle):

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| Principal Investigator/Program Director (Last, First, Middle): |       |
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| SENIOR / KEY PERSONNEL REPORT | Project Title      |
| All Senior / Key Personnel for the one-year budget period must be listed below. |
| Name | Degree(s) | Role on Project(e.g., PI, Res. Assoc.) | Institutional Affiliation | Effort Devoted to Project |
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OMB No. 0925-0001 and 0925-0002 (Rev. 10/2021 Approved Through 01/31/2026)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for the Senior/key personnel and other significant contributors.
Follow this format for each person. **DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.**

NAME:

eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login):

POSITION TITLE:

EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)

| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE(if applicable) | Completion DateMM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
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**A. Personal Statement**

**B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors**

**C. Contributions to Science**

Principal Investigator (Last, first, middle):

**OTHER SUPPORT**: Provide active support for the **Principal Investigator and any key personnel**. Other Support includes all financial resources, whether Federal, non-Federal, commercial or institutional, available in direct support of an individual's research endeavors, including but not limited to research grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and/or institutional awards. Training awards, prizes, or gifts do not need to be included.

It is critical that the Other Support page be clear and detailed, and include funding through program projects, centers, joint grants, and other programs as well as the role of the person in each grant and any potential overlap. Both Active and Pending support should be listed.

Include all information noted below for each proposal / award:

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| **NAME OF INDIVIDUAL****ACTIVE / PENDING** |
| **Project Number****Source****Title** | **Dates of Project****Annual Direct Cost** | **Person Months (Cal / Academic / Summer)** |
| **Major Goals of Project****Overlap** |

Please refer to NIH [PHS398 application instructions document](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.doc) for information on completing the biographical sketch pages. Actual NIH forms can be used in place of the ones provided here, for the biographical sketch and other support.

**Description of Facilities and Resources**

Principal Investigator (Last, first, middle):

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| **DETAILED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1 BUDGET PERIOD****DIRECT COSTS ONLY** | FROMApril 1, 2024 | THROUGHMarch 31, 2025 |
| PERSONNEL *(Applicant organization only)* |  | % |  | DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED *(omit cents)* |
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|  **SUBTOTALS** |        |       |       |
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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION: