Sponsor: National Institute of Health (NIH)
Participating Organization: National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
Title: Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORCs) (P30)
FOA Number: RFA-DK-12-002
Internal Deadline Step 1: July 21, 2014 5:00 PM Expression of Interest (EOI)
Internal Review Step 2: August 4, 2014 5:00 PM Internal Application (see internal review instructions)
Sponsor Deadlines:
   October 24, 2014 - Letter of Intent
   November 25, 2014 - Application
Nominations allowed: One (1) per institution
Award Amount: Limited to $750,000 in direct costs
Duration: May not exceed 5 years.

This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions below.

Award Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish core centers that are part of an integrated and existing program of nutrition and/or obesity research. The Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORC) program is designed to support and enhance the national research effort in nutrition and obesity. NORCs support three primary research-related activities: Research Core services, a Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) program, and an Enrichment program. All activities pursued by Nutrition Obesity Research Centers are designed to enhance the efficiency, productivity, effectiveness and multidisciplinary nature of research in nutrition and obesity. The NIDDK Nutrition Obesity Research Centers program in 2014 consists of 12 Centers, each located at outstanding research institutions with documented programs of excellence in nutrition and/or obesity research. See more at: NORC

Eligible Individuals: (Program Director/Principal Investigator): Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/PIs, visit the Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

The NORC Director, who is the Program Director/Principal Investigator of the P30 application and Director of the Administrative Core, must be a scientist who can provide effective administrative and scientific leadership and who has demonstrated his/her proficiency in managing a large, multi-component program.

INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:
The internal review process involves two required steps described below.

Step #1: Expression of Interest (EOI). Investigators who wish to submit a proposal should send an EOI – an e-mail will suffice - to hsfunding@ucsd.edu by 5:00 pm, July 21, 2014. Please provide a brief paragraph and note the names and affiliations (departments, schools, divisions, ORUs) of the PD(s)/PI(s) and other key personnel.

Step #2: Pre-application, if, and only if, more than one EOI is received by the first campus deadline noted in Step #1. Those who have submitted EOIs will be asked to submit a pre-application (content will be specified) to hsfunding@ucsd.edu by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on August 4, 2014.

An independent faculty committee will then review all pre-applications and select the most competitive application, using the guidance about the sponsor’s priorities in the RFA, to represent UC San Diego.

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