The mission of the Diabetes Research Centers is to serve as a key component of the NIDDK-supported research effort to develop new therapies and improve the health of Americans with, or at risk for, diabetes and related endocrine and metabolic disorders. The Centers promote new discoveries and enhance scientific progress through support of cutting-edge basic and clinical research related to the etiology and complications of diabetes, with the goal of rapidly translating research findings into novel strategies for the prevention, treatment and cure of diabetes and related conditions.

To accomplish this mission, the Diabetes Research Centers:

- Create an environment that supports important and innovative research;
- Attract and retain early stage investigators and investigators new to diabetes research;
- Provide core services that leverage funding and unique expertise;
- Foster interdisciplinary collaborations, especially in emerging areas of research, to catalyze new ideas and scientific approaches;
- Raise awareness and interest in fundamental and clinical diabetes research at their institutions, as well as locally, regionally, and nationally;
- Promote the translation of scientific discoveries from bench to bedside to community in order to improve public health;
- Enhance diabetes research education and training opportunities for patients, students, scientists, and clinicians.

The organization and structure of the Diabetes Research Center should reflect the goals of the Center, encourage collaboration, develop and implement Diabetes Research Center-wide initiatives, and promote the use of shared resources and Pilot and Feasibility Program funds. The structure can change as needed based on new scientific opportunities and partnerships. This major underpinning of the Diabetes Research Center allows for modifications of programmatic and scientific activities and areas of
support to fully capitalize on the most exciting research opportunities in diabetes-
related research areas.

At the time of initial submission, the applicant institution, or consortium of institutions,
must have an active program of excellence in basic and clinical biomedical and
behavioral research in the area of diabetes and related areas of endocrinology and
metabolism. There should be a focus on diabetes; however, related endocrinology and
metabolism research relevant to diabetes may also be included in the research base.

**AWARD INFORMATION**
Application budgets are limited to $1,000,000 per year in direct costs unless the
applicant organization proposes to provide regional or national services as described in
the Funding Opportunity Description. The maximum project period is 5 years.

**ELIGIBILITY**
The research base for the Center must consist of at least $3,000,000 of peer-reviewed
research projects.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS
number or NIH IPF number) is allowed.

**KEY DATES**
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of
the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu)
by June 21, 2016.

The sponsor application due date (added via NOT-DK-16-020) is August 10, 2016. The
next due date is February 28, 2017.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating
collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and
administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional
resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely
(yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, for more
information.

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