

**Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE)  
Appalachian Center for Cellular transport in Obesity Related  
Disorders (ACCORD) at Marshall University  
PILOT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**KEY DATES:**

RFA release: August 18, 2018

Application deadline: September 30, 2018

Earliest funding start date: November 1, 2018

**PURPOSE:**

Undertake novel biomedical/translational research that is consistent with the mission and focus of the COBRE ACCORD. Thus, the project should specifically address cellular transport in an obesity related disease. Please see ACCORD website for more details

<https://jcesom.marshall.edu/research/office-of-research-and-graduate-education/centers/accord/>.

**PILOT PROJECT FUNDING DETAILS:**

Two awards of up to \$50,000 in total direct costs will be made annually for meritorious applications. Budgets may be for up to \$25,000 per year for two years or up to \$50,000 for one year. Indirect costs are not allowed.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Proposals must meet following criteria:

- The overall goal of the applicant is to ultimately qualify to become a future COBRE ACCORD Investigator. Subsequently, with COBRE support, the investigator will aim to become an RO1 funded independent scientist focusing on programmatic areas consistent with COBRE ACCORD.
- Proposal is open only to full time faculty within the Marshall University undertaking basic or translational biomedical research.
- Limited to junior investigators at the level of Assistant Professor or early stage of Associate Professor (less than 3 years at the rank) from Marshall University. Faculty in the tenure track is preferred. Research track faculty may apply with the understanding that should they ultimately become an ACCORD Investigator he/she will need to be eligible to change to the tenure track.
- The research plan should specifically address cellular transport in an obesity related disease.



### ALLOWABLE COSTS:

- Salary and fringe support for technician, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are permitted.
- Supplies and other research infrastructure expenses.
- Salary and fringe support for faculty and use for indirect costs are not permitted.
  - Up to \$1,000-1,500 will be provided for the investigator to present their results at a national scientific meeting.
  - Up to \$1,000-1,500 will be provided to cover publication costs for manuscripts stemming from work funded by this application.

### REVIEW CRITERIA:

- Outstanding scientific merit
- Clear demonstration that the pilot funding will enhance the applicant's future participation in ACCORD.
- Focus on obesity related disorders consistent with ACCORD.
- Quality of a proposed plan for future extramural funding.
- Translational potential

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

The following materials **MAY ONLY** be submitted to the on-campus application link:  
<https://redcap.marshall.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=zeK92UXFKL>

### Application Format

Applicants should use the most current PHS 398 form pages (Rev 3/16) as directed below to prepare the application. These forms can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. Applications should be submitted as an MS-Word or PDF file using no smaller than 11 pt. Arial font. The application should be prepared in the following format:

1. Face page – completed form must be signed by business official.
2. Form Page 2 – project summary, relevance and performance site
3. Form Page 4 - Budget page (including a detailed budget justification)



4. Biographical Sketch, using new biographical sketch format (Version D)
5. Specific aims; maximum of one page; use continuation page
6. Significant and Innovation, maximum one-half page; use continuation page
7. Approach (background, preliminary data if available, experimental design), maximum of three and one-half pages. Use continuation pages for this section.
8. Literature Cited – no page limit, but limited to recent, pertinent references, use continuation page.
9. If animals are used, a vertebrate animal section (VAS) addressing the four points of animal usage must be included. If human subjects are included, then the human subjects' protection section, inclusion of women, minorities and children section, and the targeted/planned enrollment tables must be included.
10. Future plans of the PI to become a COBRE investigator and future independent investigator (1 page).

#### **AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Progress reports will be required during the life of the project (every six months) and annually thereafter for up to three years.
- Awardees will be required to make oral presentations and written summaries to outline research progress.
- The COBRE ACCORD is evaluated by the NIH on its effectiveness in stimulating new research findings and publications.
- The following support acknowledgement should be included on all publications that result from COBRE ACCORD support: ***“This publication was supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number P20GM121299-01A1. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the NIH.”***

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