

## **Diabetes Research: Pilot Project Funding Available**

### **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 intends to support **pilot projects**. The goal is to provide seed funds to support projects that have the potential to receive NIH funding in the future. Any investigator working in the state of Oklahoma who meets the requirements defined below, and who has a project related to diabetes or diabetic complications, is welcome to apply.

#### Eligibility of Pilot Project Applicants.

The applicant must hold a faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Instructor at an institute of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. The applicant must demonstrate academic achievement necessary to be competitive for NIH funding in the future. However, an investigator who already holds, or has held, an NIH RO1 award (as PI) is not eligible to apply.

#### Budget

\$50,000 for direct costs for one year. The project may be renewed depending upon progress and productivity.

#### Application

Please submit a cover letter, NIH formatted Biosketch, and 2-page proposal to Barbara Turek by e-mail at [Barbara-turek@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Barbara-turek@ouhsc.edu). Enquiries to Barbara Turek.

#### Deadline

**The application deadline is 5pm, September 1, 2017.**

Funding starts October 1, 2017.

#### Review of the Applications

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

#### Review Criteria

- 1) The training background and potential of the PI.
- 2) Potential of the project to receive future NIH funding.

#### Responsibilities of Pilot Project PIs

The PIs of the Pilot Projects are required to participate in all CoBRE activities including attending all the meetings, reporting to EAC and the Internal Advisory Committee and submitting annual progress report.