**LIMITED SUBMISSION: National Institutes of Health – Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORCs) (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)**

****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

**DEADLINES:**

**Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline:** March 26 by noon  
**Sponsor Deadline:** October 30, 2019

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI’s,
3. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see [http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/](http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/).

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:**

- To establish centers to support core research services, pilot and feasibility studies, and enrichment programs to enhance the efficiency, productivity, effectiveness and multidisciplinary nature of research in nutrition and obesity

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

- The program should bring together investigators from a variety of scientific disciplines and must be associated with an existing program of excellence as evidenced by a consistent and outstanding record of productivity and peer-reviewed research funding in the areas of nutrition and/or obesity  
- NORCs are expected to support program enrichment activities such as seminars, visiting scientists, consultants, and workshops, and should be designed to advance translational research in nutrition and obesity, promote scientific exchange among investigators with research interests in these topic areas, and to enhance interactions between nutrition and obesity researchers and investigators from other fields with relevant expertise  
- Each NORC should provide 2-5 state of the art core technologies/resources readily accessible to a broad spectrum of investigators pursuing studies in nutrition, obesity and other related research areas  
- NORCs are expected to have ‘members’ with clearly defined and well-justified criteria for becoming a member  
- The Pilot and Feasibility program will provide up to $50,000 per year for up to two years to new and early stage investigators for new initiatives or feasibility research studies

**ELIGIBILITY:** The funding of the research base, including any affiliated academic hospitals, academic centers, or proposed partners must be at least $3M in direct costs (please see RFA at link below for more details); the PI must be a scientist who can provide effective administrative and scientific leadership please follow [Tufts PI eligibility policies](http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/).

**AWARD INFORMATION:** Program budgets are limited to $750,000 in direct costs for a period of up to five years.


**NOTE:** Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.