Call for Proposals - 2022 External Partners Directed Research Projects

Preproposal **Deadline Extended** (required): October 10, 2022 | 11:59 p.m. CST
Preproposal Presentation (by invitation only): November 17, 2022 | 8-11 a.m. CST
**Full Proposal Deadline (by invitation only):** December 2, 2022 | 11:59 p.m. CST
**Funding available:** up to $50,000.00 per proposal

Submit Preproposal via Qualtrics

The **Personalized Nutrition Initiative** with the support of our **External Partners Program** is seeking applications for multidisciplinary research proposals that have the potential to impact personalized nutrition supporting the health and wellbeing of healthy human populations across the lifespan. The **goal of the External Partners Directed Research program is to fund research with the potential to provide new applied and translatable innovation in personalized nutrition in order to advance health or solutions to personalized nutrition-related barriers that meet shared and critical needs in companies of all sizes.**

In this call for proposals, we are inviting proposals from interdisciplinary teams for projects that address one or more of the following priority areas in Personalized Nutrition:

- **Algorithms to analyze nutrition and health data**
- **Biomarkers**
- **Bioactives**

- **Nutrition and health data**
- **Social and behavioral factors**
- **Technology and wearables**
- **Regulatory issues**

Projects that will yield initial results in a relatively short timeframe (12 months) will be prioritized, with opportunities to share findings and garner input from the External Partners. A maximum of **$50,000.00 may be requested over 12 months**, with the opportunity to submit a competitive continuation proposal during the next annual call for proposals. To be eligible, the Principal Investigator (PI) must be an **Affiliate member** of the Personalized Nutrition Initiative. External collaborators can be part of the proposal, but funding is required to stay on campus, no sub-awards.

An expectation of the program is that funded Investigative Teams will have regular interactions with the External Partners. The PIs will be required to provide a 6-month written progress report. At 1-year, the PI will submit either a final written report or a written progress report, if they are submitting a competitive application for an additional year of funding. Reports will include
milestones and deliverables, and either an in-person or online presentation to the External Partners. An additional report will be due 2-years after termination of the grant, which will include information on dissemination (publications, presentations, social media impact), grant funding, and other innovation outcomes (e.g., patent disclosures).

Interested Investigative Teams should submit a preproposal via Qualtrics (see instructions below) and, if selected, will be expected to present a brief overview (~5-minutes) of the proposed project to the External Partners on **Thursday, November 17, 2022**.

The External Partners will invite some Investigative Teams to submit a full proposal via Qualtrics by **Friday, December 2, 2022**, including a research plan and a budget (see instructions below). The External Partners Review Panel will evaluate proposals and forward a recommendation to the Steering Committee and the Director of the Personalized Nutrition Initiative for final approval. Funding decisions will be announced approximately one (1) month after the submission deadline.

**Preproposal Submission Details**

1. **Preproposal Submission Page** online via Qualtrics: Fill out the Preproposal Submission Page with the following information:
   a. Names and contact information of all project personnel. Clearly identify the PI or Co-PI(s) as appropriate
   b. Project title
   c. Project abstract (200-word max)
   d. Priority area
   e. Estimated Budget

2. **Scope of Work**: Single-spaced, 11-point font, 1-inch margins, not to exceed 1 page including all the sections listed below:
   a. Motivation: problem or barrier
   b. Approach to address the problem or barrier (brief description of the research design)
   c. Expected deliverables
   d. Expertise of team members

Convert the Scope of Work document to a pdf file and upload using the Qualtrics link above for Preproposal Submission Page.

**Questions?** Contact Anna Keck (akeck@illinois.edu) or Sharon Donovan (sdonovan@illinois.edu).

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