

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Call for Colorado NORC Pilot Applications. We are requesting applications for pilot and feasibility projects to support new investigators with projects relevant to nutrition or obesity who have no independent NIH (or comparable) funding. The goal of the program is to help early career investigators (**post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty**) perform studies that will help them build their independent research program and support their efforts to acquire a career development award (K01, K08, K23, VA CDA2 or similar award) or their first independent R01 award. The program supports a **broad range of research on nutrition and obesity**, which includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Early life influences affecting long term health
- Women’s health and sex differences research
- Exercise, physical (in)activity, or energy expenditure
- Metabolic regulation, dysfunction, and related co morbidities (diabetes, cancer, CVD)
- Interventions for better health

Proposals related to health disparities, the science of behavior change, personalized nutrition/medicine, and disease-specific treatments are also encouraged to apply. **Contact caro.henauw@cuanschutz.edu for more information and application packets.** Application deadline is 5/24/2021 COB, and award start date is 8/1/2021. <http://cunorc.org/pilot-and-feasibility/>

Dedicated Funds to Support Diversity/Inclusion.

This year the NORC has dedicated resources in its pilot program that will be used to support post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty members who are from underrepresented minority groups in academia. Applications will be accepted through our normal pilot/feasibility program (described above). Please pass this opportunity along to any eligible early career investigator with interests in nutrition or obesity research. Applicants can contact caro.henauw@cuanschutz.edu with questions.

Upcoming Progress Report. Our non-competitive renewal will be submitted in June, and Kristy Truesdale will be reaching out to everyone in the NORC research base regarding your recent publications to ask if you have any new trainees that would like to be included in our distribution list. Please take the time to respond to Kristy and help use sustain the NORC’s programs and cores for our campus.



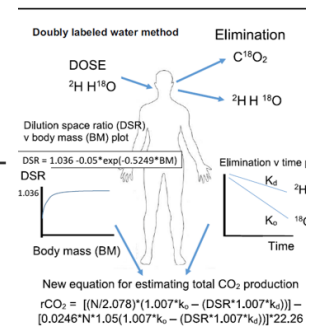
Annie Caldwell, PhD, International Weight Control Registry. Annie Caldwell, PhD and John Peters, PhD are part of a team of obesity scientists who recently launched the International Weight Control Registry (IWCR) with funding from the NIH awarded to the University of Alabama at Birmingham NORC. Five universities in the USA coordinated the launch and there are partner institutions around the

globe who have agreed to join. The mission of the registry is to build a citizen-scientist partnership, adding people-driven discovery to data-driven science to help solve the many challenges of global obesity. Any adult interested in weight management can enroll in the registry including ‘successful losers’, those who have lost weight but regained it, those who have struggled to lose weight, and even those who are trying to lose weight for the first time, to include the range of experiences people have losing and managing weight. Data from the IWCR can help fuel the growing interest in Precision Health, which emphasizes individual responses to treatments, lifestyle behaviors and contexts. Participants enroll through an online platform to answer a series of questionnaires relating to weight history, eating, physical activity, psychology, and environmental factors. You can check it out here: <https://internationalweightcontrolregistry.org/>

Doubly-Labeled Water Workshop.

Join Ed Melanson, PhD for this three-part workshop. This workshop will cover the principles of using stable isotope methodology to measure free-living energy expenditure in humans. The workshop will cover theory, application, and best practice approaches to sample collection and analysis. **Who:** All members of our Colorado NORC Research Base, including anyone who would like a refresher, if you have attended in the past. **When: It’s not too late to join** (recorded meetings available from March 25th and April 8th. Last meeting in the series is 10:30-11:30am on April 22nd, 2021. **RSVP** to Kristy Truesdale

(kristy.truesdale@cuanschutz.com). You will receive the meeting recordings and invitation link to join the workshop



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