



## Early Career Nutrition Diversity Seed Funding Program Pilot Grant

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**Deadline to Apply:** August 18, 2023

### ***Description & Justification***

*Pilot grants are stipends for preliminary or pilot phases of young investigators' research projects. These grants support an investigator's efforts to address focused research questions, obtain preliminary data to support larger grant proposals in the future, and develop a line of research that can be carried forward into an academic career.*

The primary objective of the Seed-funding Program is to establish a pilot grant for early career researchers to support them in their careers. The grant will support a qualified early career researcher from an underrepresented group in nutritional science research.

The Seed-funding Program's primary objective is to provide pilot funding that can significantly contribute to the success of an early investigator's career trajectory. Pilot funding is necessary to obtain preliminary research that will increase an investigator's likelihood of obtaining larger grants. This is especially important for early career researchers who may not yet have evidence of grant success.

The support of early career researchers from underrepresented groups through a pilot grant is especially important as this population is more likely to face barriers during the transitional period into a faculty position and/or towards tenure.<sup>1-3</sup> This pilot grant will provide funding to early career researchers from underrepresented groups to support and increase research opportunities, and to promote to success in academia by strengthening their research record. This pilot grant also strongly aligns with ASN's core values of diversity and inclusion and its stated commitment to, "actively engaging in the recruitment, development, and advancement of underrepresented minorities throughout the nutrition field," and furthers the continued efforts of ASN's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Committee.

One \$10,000 pilot grant and costs to attend ASN's annual meeting, NUTRITION 2024, will be awarded to one early career researcher from an underrepresented group in nutrition science research (within 10 years of terminal degree) who has not yet received major extramural funding (e.g., PI or Co-PI on NIH K-awards or R-awards).

*\*Travel (basic economy roundtrip airfare within the United States), registration, and hotel expenses covered up to \$2,000 USD total.*

### ***Intended Recipients***

An applicant who is also junior faculty (within 10 years of terminal degree) from any historically underrepresented groups (e.g., Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders, person with disability, and LGBTQIA+).

### ***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Have not yet received major extramural funding (e.g., PI or Co-PI on NIH K awards or R-awards) from an underrepresented group.
- Reside in the United States
- Be junior faculty (within 10 years of terminal degree)

### ***Application Guidelines and Instructions***

All applications must be submitted via the [ASN Foundation Portal](#). The following information will be required during the application process.

### ***Application Information***

- Contact information
- Program director contact information
- Letter of recommendation author contact information

### ***Proposed research project information:***

- Proposed research project title (150-character limit without spaces)
- Proposed research project dates (anticipated start and completion dates)
- **Statement:**
  - Statement written for a non-scientific audience, explaining the contribution of the proposed research to knowledge in nutrition. Tables, images and/or graphs should not be included or referenced in the Statement. (3,500-character limit without spaces, approximately one single-spaced typewritten page)
- **Summary:**
  - Summary of your proposed research project including objective, experimental approach, and selected references. Up to 4 tables, images and/or graphs can be included to supplement the Summary. Tables, images and/or graphs (uploaded as image files in .jpg, .png, .gif or .bmp format) will

appear separate from and following the Summary text. (14,000-character limit without spaces, approximately four single-spaced typewritten pages)

***Required upload (in PDF format)***

- A letter of recommendation from a program director, dean, chair, or other faculty member (1-page limit)
- A curriculum vitae (2-page limit)

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