



## COBRE in Nutrition and Women's Health Pilot Project Funding Opportunity Announcement

Fall 2024

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Nutrition & Women's Health  
**COBRE**



### Important Dates

Posted: October 2, 2024

Due Date: December 16, 2024, no later than 5pm Pacific time

Earliest Start Date: May 15, 2025

Project End Date: May 14, 2026

### Funding Opportunity Description

The purpose of the COBRE in Nutrition and Women's Health **Pilot Project Program** is to stimulate research at the University of Idaho related to nutrition and the health of girls and women across the lifespan. This program creates opportunities for scientists at the University of Idaho to contribute to the nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort by supporting small-scale research projects proposed by faculty members, regardless as to whether they have previously conducted research in this area. **Pilot Projects** are funded up to \$50,000 (direct costs) for one year with a possible second year extension (up to \$25,000 in additional direct costs) based on progress, productivity, and the project's nature. We anticipate funding at two awards in this cycle.

### Eligibility

Only University of Idaho tenure-track faculty with explicit research expectations in their position descriptions are eligible to apply. Postdoctoral fellows and others without a permanent funding commitment from the university are not eligible to be principal investigators but can participate as co-investigators. Faculty with other concurrent Institutional Development Award ([IDeA](#)) funding are also not eligible. This includes INBRE, CTR-IN, and funding from other COBRES. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply. Proposals with the potential to develop into future COBRE Research Projects will be prioritized. A **Pilot Project** awardee is required to devote at least one person month of effort to the proposed project. Individuals and research teams who received a **Pilot Project** in spring/summer of 2024 are eligible for extensions.

### Pilot Project Proposal Requirements

The proposed research must pertain directly to the **topic of nutrition and the health of females**. All stages of the lifespan are of interest as are all aspects of health. Preliminary data are not required but can be included if available and appropriate.

The following components are required and must be submitted together as a single pdf to Steve Greene ([smgreene@uidaho.edu](mailto:smgreene@uidaho.edu)) by the deadline listed above. Note that additional NIH forms will be required of applicants whose proposals are chosen for funding.

1. **NIH biosketch** "Form H" of principal investigator and co-investigator(s) submitting the grant application. Please see "*Biosketch (Non-Fellowship): Biographical Sketch Format Page - FORMS-H*" at [Biosketch Format Pages, Instructions and Samples | grants.nih.gov](#) for information on how to access Form H, instructions for completing it, and an example.
2. **Eligibility** Please include a document briefly outlining the principal investigator's eligibility. This must include percentage of time devoted to research/scholarship (as per the position description), whether the individual is on a 9- or 12-month contract, and confirmation that the applicant is in a tenure-track position and does not have concurrent IDeA funding.
3. **Research strategy** (maximum two pages, single spaced, 11-point Arial font, 1" margins). Include a title, importance of the research, knowledge gap(s) to be addressed, hypotheses to be tested, experimental design of the project (including statistical analysis), the impact that the research will exert on the health of girls and women, and timeline.

4. **Progress report if this is an extension request** (maximum one page, single spaced, 11-point Arial font, 1" margins) Include progress in meeting original aims of your proposed research and how you have met the expectations of Pilot Project awardees listed below.
5. **References** (no page limit). Provide full citations used in the research strategy.
6. **Human subjects and/or animal use approvals.** Please include human subjects and/or animal use approvals if these are required. Details concerning how to obtain human subjects (IRB) approval, please see [IRB Protocol Applications \(uidaho.edu\)](http://uidaho.edu/IRB). Details concerning how to obtain animal use approvals, please see [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee \(IACUC\) - University of Idaho \(uidaho.edu\)](http://uidaho.edu/IACUC).
7. **Detailed budget and detailed budget justification** (maximum of \$50,000 in direct costs for new projects and \$25,000 for extensions) **Do not add indirect costs to your budget**; we will add these costs to funded proposals at a later time) for period of project. The NIH budget form that you should use can be accessed at the following link: [2590-fp2.doc \(live.com\)](http://live.com/2590-fp2.doc). All applicants should contact COBRE Project Manager Steve Greene ([smgreene@uidaho.edu](mailto:smgreene@uidaho.edu)) for additional forms, examples, and advice on putting together your budget.
  - i. Personnel: Can include summer salary for PI, graduate student costs, and undergraduate student costs; please include fringe as appropriate. Note that funds cannot be used to pay the salary of an individual at a rate in excess of the current NIH salary cap. Current salary cap levels can be found at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap\\_summary.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap_summary.htm).
  - ii. Operating expenses
  - iii. Travel (domestic only)
  - iv. Publication costs
  - v. Equipment

**Expectations of Pilot Project Awardees**

**Pilot Project** awardees must provide a report at the completion of the project period. Awardees will be expected to participate in all seminars, workshops, and retreats offered by the COBRE and will be provided monthly, one-on-one mentoring by an appropriate faculty member at the University of Idaho or another university for the duration of the project. Awardees will have specific milestones and expectations as outlined below.

<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b>
<i>Meetings with scientific mentor</i>	Monthly
<i>Weekly seminars, workshops</i>	Required
<i>Attract students to project as appropriate</i>	Yes, as needed
<i>Progress report</i>	As requested and at completion
<i>Present at national/international meeting</i>	Annual
<i>Attend manuscript and grant writing training</i>	Annual
<i>Submit and publish manuscript in peer-reviewed journal; all publications must <a href="#">cite the COBRE</a>.</i>	Required
<i>Apply for RPL status or NIH funding</i>	As appropriate

**Application and Submission Information**

Contact COBRE in Nutrition and Women’s Health principal investigator, Dr. Shelley McGuire ([smcguire@uidaho.edu](mailto:smcguire@uidaho.edu)), for additional information. All materials must be submitted together as a **single pdf to COBRE Program Manager/Fiscal Director Steve Greene** ([smgreene@uidaho.edu](mailto:smgreene@uidaho.edu)) by the deadline listed above. Note that **Pilot Project** applications do not need to be entered into VERAS at this time. Proposals chosen for funding, however, will need to be entered into VERAS and additional NIH forms will be required before they are submitted to the NIH for final approval.