



Grants

The Obesity Society's (TOS) grants program demonstrates our commitment to promote, reward, and encourage research in the field of obesity.

We will begin accepting new applications March 3 – May 5, 2025.

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Applicants may apply for multiple grants.

A description of each grant and the instructions on how to apply are below.

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Early Career Research Grant

The grant is offered by The Obesity Society as a member service to foster and stimulate new research ideas in any area of investigation related to obesity. The grant targets early-career investigators and post-doctoral fellows by funding proposals that demonstrate a high likelihood of resulting in new and innovative approaches in obesity research. Early-career investigators are defined as individuals who have received a PhD/DSc, DVM, MD or DO at the time of application. Investigators must also currently have a full-time, entry-level position (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, instructor, and up to Assistant Professor) at an established academic/research institution. Applicants may request up to \$25,000. No indirect cost will be paid from this grant. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be notified approximately one month later. All applicants must be TOS members in good standing. This is a one-year grant and funding will begin the next calendar year.

Early Career Research Grant Eligibility Criteria:

The following applies to the Principal Investigator:

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- Member of The Obesity Society (domestic and international)
- Early-career investigator or post-doctoral research fellow:
 - PhD/DSc, DVM, MD or DO at the time of application
 - Post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty, and up to Assistant Professors who have not yet received an NIH K-award, equivalent career-development award, or R-level research project grant
- Assistant Professors do not require a mentor
- Applications from post-doctoral research fellows must have a mentor
- Potential to generate future funding

PhD/DSc, DVM or MD/DO degree must be obtained by date of application submission. Applicants may not be a post-doctoral fellow for more than five years.

How to Apply

Phase 1

- Submit a Letter of Intent Cover Page
- Submit a 1-page Letter of Intent – (describe the scientific project, statement of specific aims, hypotheses, and how the study is new and innovative)
 - 1-page on institutional letterhead
 - 1/2 inch margins
 - 11-point font size
- Submit an NIH-style biosketch for the principal investigator. If the principal investigator is a post-doctoral fellow, the biosketch of the mentor should also be included
- The LOI and biosketch(es) must be collated and submitted as a single pdf

Phase 2

Applicants selected by The Obesity Society's Science Development Committee will be notified and requested to submit a full proposal package. Required documents include:

- Original LOI and Biosketch(es), from the LOI submission
- 3-page proposal (references not included)
 - Brief introduction to the proposed study and rationale for investigation (How will this work benefit the field?)
 - Statement of specific aims and hypotheses
 - Material and methods, feasibility
 - Anticipated results, limitations, alternatives
 - Future plans (How will the findings of this project be leveraged for future work? What are the next steps, next grants?)
- Timeline
- Budget Form (1-page) with justification (1-page limit)
- Allowable Expenses
 - Salary for technical staff, supplies, core use, subject recruitment, patient care costs, and other research-related expenses.
 - Equipment/capital expenses up to \$5,000.
 - Travel up to \$2,000 (ObesityWeek® encouraged).
 - If principal investigator requires salary support, a maximum of one month summer salary or 8% effort support is allowable.
- Mentor Letter of Support (1-page, for post-doctoral fellows and instructors)

Criteria for Evaluating Applications

- Significance – impact, innovation
- Investigator – potential in academic research, diversity/inclusion
- Research Plan – study design, methods, feasibility, alternatives/limitations
- Future Plans – (How will the findings of this project be leveraged for future work? What are the next steps, next grants?)



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