



NIH: West Coast Metabolomics Center



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West Coast Metabolomics Center at UC Davis Announces Call for Pilot Projects

Pilot project applications for up to \$50,000 are solicited from investigators seeking support for studies to be conducted by the West Coast Metabolomics Center at UC Davis. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2013.

The West Coast Metabolomics Center is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with the goal of expanding the use of metabolomics research and to advance the state of the science. Molecular changes that take place inside an organism's cells during the onset and progression of diseases are very often associated with differences in metabolic regulation. Metabolomic data offer researchers studying cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other complex diseases new avenues for understanding disease triggers and developing potential cures.

“One of the central purposes of the Center is to help researchers in the biological sciences to begin to use metabolomics in their own studies,” explained Dr. Oliver Fiehn, the director of the Center and a professor of molecular and cellular biology. “This first round of pilot and feasibility pilot project grants will provide support for investigators new to the metabolomics field, help develop new teams and partnerships, and fund research with high-impact potential.”

Dr. Alice Tarantal, leader of the Pilot and Feasibility projects in the Center's Outreach Core, added: “This opportunity should be specifically interesting to investigators in clinical and translational research. Our reviewing system follows the NIH format criteria but we only expect five page long applications. With funds of up to \$50,000 in metabolomic services and anticipated project start in May 2013, we expect that preliminary data can be generated that nicely shows the impact of metabolic data to strengthen future grant submissions to NIH for a range of different standing study sections. “

The five-page application form and the detailed call for applications can be found on the West Coast Metabolomics Center website
<http://metabolomics.ucdavis.edu/pilot-and-feasibility-projects>

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