

## **Call for Abstracts: Solutions for Childhood Obesity**

Award Budget: Up to \$25,000 in pilot funding per year, for two years

Eligibility: Those affiliated with the University of Mississippi or the University of Mississippi Medical Center

Abstract Due Date: October 15, 2016

Notice of Invitation for Detailed Proposal: October 31, 2016

Full Proposal Due Date: December 12, 2016

Full Award Notification: January 16, 2017

With nearly 40% of children classified as overweight or obese, Mississippi has some of the highest childhood obesity rates in the nation. Given the challenges for both children and adults to maintain weight loss, researchers recognize the importance of preventing weight gain for lifelong health. To this end, the Mississippi Center for Obesity Research (MCOR) is calling for abstracts of projects which propose innovative ways to curb childhood obesity in the state. Projects from all disciplines are welcomed, including therapies from the basic and clinical sciences, as well as those related to community nutrition, psychology, policy analysis, and principles from business and education. It is anticipated that projects ultimately selected to receive pilot funding will contribute novel strategies and creative insights that address the unique challenges to ensuring health for Mississippi's children.

Understanding that this work will require a concerted effort from a range of stakeholders, MCOR is most interested in those projects that will shed light on practical methods, or possibly identify current barriers, to preventing childhood obesity in Mississippi.

Reviews will take place in two stages. First, project abstracts of no more than 1,000 words that provide enough information on project conceptualization for initial review should be submitted by October 15, 2016. Authors whose projects are selected from this round will be contacted no later than October 31, 2016 and invited to submit a full detailed proposal, which will be due December 12, 2016.

Abstracts and questions should be forwarded to Emma Willoughby at [ewilloughby@umc.edu](mailto:ewilloughby@umc.edu).