Diabetes and Metabolism Research Center (DMRC)
Innovation Mini Grant Program

**Purpose:** The goal of the DMRC Innovation Mini Grant Program is to provide financial support for University of Utah faculty to develop new or more cost-effective methodologies in diabetes and/or metabolism research that will be utilized by the broader community. Examples could include developing new assays or new survey measures. The DMRC will preferentially consider supporting methodology development in partnership with the University of Utah Health Sciences Center (HSC) Cores, but will consider other proposals on a case-by-case basis.

**Funds Available:** Investigators may request up to $5,000 for a proposed experiment scheme (requests higher than $5,000 must have prior approval). Support will only be provided for proposed experiments and not for experiments already completed. Funding will be distributed directly to the HSC Cores and/or entity developing the methodology. Please note that DMRC support is limited and is subject to availability.

**Timeline:** The program has a rolling application process with no set deadline. Investigators are encouraged to apply for funding at least four weeks prior to the experiment start date. Every effort will be made to notify applicants of application status in a timely manner.

**Application Instructions:** Applications should be jointly prepared with HSC Core directors (or equivalent if utilizing other entities). Please consult HSC Core Director, James Cox, or DMRC Leadership (Jared Rutter, Scott Summers or Angie Fagerlin) to determine whether the proposed project is a good fit for this funding mechanism.

Applications should be submitted electronically to via InfoReady (Utah.InfoReady4.com).

Please include the following information as one PDF document and submit via InfoReady:

1. Investigator(s) Name(s)
2. Departmental Affiliation
3. Title
4. **Experimental Objective.** Please briefly describe why this experiment is important for your research program.
5. **Rationale for Request of DMRC Support:** Please provide a justification as to why you think DMRC support is required to develop the technology, method, or experimental paradigm. Rationale should fall under one of these categories:
   a) investigator(s) need to develop new methodology to answer an important research question in metabolism or diabetes and this methodology will be utilized by the broader DMRC community,
   b) investigators aim to create more cost-effective methods for diabetes/metabolism research that would broadly impact the DMRC community.
6. **Budget** - Please indicate the amount requested and include an estimated budget for the proposed funding amount.

**Progress Report**: Please note that a short progress report will be required within 6 months of completion of the experiment.

Please contact Bridget Hughes (bridget.hughes@hsc.utah.edu) with any questions or to see if funds are still available for this program.