
Request for Applications
KL2 Mentored Career Development Award
Summer 2020 Appointment
Anticipated start date: July 1

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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Frontiers: University of Kansas Clinical and Translational Science Institute invites applicants from all Frontiers affiliated institutions to apply to the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Research KL2 Mentored Career Development Award. The KL2 award is specifically designed to foster the development of junior investigators interested in conducting groundbreaking clinical and translational research. Frontiers is wholly committed to attracting and welcoming diverse early stage researchers to its institutions. Underrepresented minorities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits of the Program

Those selected for the KL2 award receive:

- Salary support for up to 75% protected time dedicated to clinical and translational research
- Two years of training and support
- Intensive mentored research experience
- Formal training in clinical and translational research
- \$25,000 in research funds (e.g. project supplies, publication costs, consultant services, etc.) per year and additional travel funds

Structure and Metrics of the KL2 Program

Structure:

Early in the program scholars determine their strengths, weaknesses and training needs to create an individual career development plan (IDP). The IDP along with input from KL2 program leadership and mentors guide each scholar's individual training experience. To further enhance the experience, opportunities to participate in regular seminars, grant writing workshops, externships and multidisciplinary mentorship are provided.

Metrics:

Program achievement metrics include both quantitative (i.e. publications, grants submitted/awarded and future professional appointments) and qualitative (knowledge/skills in research methods, perceived benefits of mentorship interactions and readiness to promote team science) measures.

Eligibility

Individuals from Frontiers affiliated institutions that meet the following requirements are eligible to apply:

- United States citizen or non-citizen national, or have legal admission into the United States as a permanent citizen
- Doctoral level degree (MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, PhD or equivalent degree) and completion of all clinical training by time of KL2 appointment
- Prior training in clinical research methods with preference given to individuals who have already completed masters or PhD-level training in a relevant program
- Minimum of two years of post-terminal degree research experience
- Appointment to a faculty position by the time of KL2 appointment
- Commitment from that institution or school to provide 25% salary support, laboratory space, a research start-up package, and 75% protected effort for the scholar to direct towards the KL2 Mentored Career Development Award
 - Clinicians in certain specialties who need to maintain procedural skills may be allowed to commit only 50% effort to research, but would need 50% support from their department or school
- An incoming KL2 Scholar cannot be or have been a PD/PI on an R01, R29 or subproject of a Program Project, Center grant, independent mentored career development (K-series) grants or other equivalent research grant from PHS except for an R03 or an R21

How to Apply

If you are interested in the KL2 Mentored Career Development Award, please submit the following in one pdf document to Amy Smith, Frontiers Training Navigator, at asmith63@kumc.edu:

1. Letter of intent: Maximum of two pages outlining career goals, preliminary plans for mentorship and a brief outline of the anticipated program of research
2. NIH biosketch from the applicant
3. NIH biosketch from the proposed primary mentor

Letters of intent and biosketches are due October 1, 2019.

The committee will notify individuals by December 20, 2019, to submit full applications.

Full applications are due January 30, 2020.

Key Dates:

***Letters of Intent due Wednesday,
October 1, 2019***

***Full Applications due Thursday
January 30, 2020***

Frontiers: University of Kansas Clinical and Translational Science Institute is part of a nationwide network of Clinical and Translational Science Awards institutions working to speed the research process from scientific discovery to patient care. Frontiers supports the spectrum of translational research, from animal health studies to community-based and population health outcomes research. Frontiers recognizes that diverse teams are essential to improve health, and of utmost importance are the partnerships and collaborations with communities, families and individuals. Frontiers is supported by a five-year, \$25 million grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the NIH.