



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

KL2 Research Scholars Career Development Program Competition

Eligibility

I am planning to submit/resubmit a mentored K award or independent award application before April of 2024 – should I apply for the K Scholars Program as an alternative?

- While we welcome your application, please know you will be asked to submit your Other Support, which includes all pending submissions, at each step achieved within the application process (LOI, Full application, Interview). Pending K or R applications that duplicate work proposed in the KL2 application will mean you are no longer eligible.

Mentorship

How do I get a mentor approved?

- To qualify, mentors must send an email or compose a letter to the KL2 directors stating their interests. An NIH Biosketch and CV should be attached which must include history of mentoring and current / past funding with direct costs. Mentors must also participate in Mentor Training. This information is outlined in the [RFA](#).

Do I need to get my mentor approved before I submit my letter of intent?

- It is highly suggested that you do.

Do I have to choose a mentor on the approved mentor list?

- No you do not. If your mentor is not on the list they must be approved (see above).

Documents

Are signatures required on the Face Page?

- Signatures are **NOT** required for the letter of intent but **ARE REQUIRED** for the full application.

Budget

Facepage:

Are direct cost (box 10) required on the Face Page for the letter of intent?

- Yes

Do I put direct cost (box 10) for 2 years (the length of the award)?

- Yes, include your salary support, fringe and research related expenses for 2 years. *Please be sure to consider the max salary support that can be requested per year (\$102,200) and the max research related expenses (\$26,700) per year.*

Budget Forms & Justification:

Do I include indirects/ F&A?

- Yes. Fill out year 1 & 2 of the budget forms as well as the budget justification and include indirects/ F & A in the section at the bottom of the document that says facilities and administrative costs. Facilities and Admin (F&A) rate should be no more than 8% of direct costs for KL2 scholars.

Biosketches

What form should be used for my biosketch?

- Please see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

Should all mentors provide a biosketch or just my primary mentor?

- All mentors should provide a biosketch.

Where are completed LOIs / applications uploaded? Does this require account registration first?

- Applications must be submitted through the [CCTST Competition and Awards Program Site \(CCAPS\)](#). Log in using your UC (“6+2”) or CCHMC username and password. If you do not have a UC or CCHMC username and password, please contact [Krista Metz](#) to obtain one.

Competition

Will I receive any comments on my LOI?

- Yes you will.

Can I apply again in the future if my initial LOI is not accepted?

- Yes you can.

How long will it take before I have a decision on my LOI?

- You will receive notification the week of August 28th 2023.

What are career development objectives and why are they important for this award?

- The K Scholars program is a unique funding mechanism for early career faculty with the intent to support continued training/skill-building that will foster further readiness to apply for individual mentored K awards (e.g., K07, K08, K22, K23) and independent awards (R01, R03, R21, R34, or equivalent application from another Federal agency). The need for additional training must be clearly outlined. Examples may include coursework, training with experts outside of the institution (i.e., externship), clinical shadowing etc.

Do CT2 and KL2 applications get reviewed differently?

- No, all applications are reviewed the same.

What scoring criteria do you consider when reviewing applications?

- Significance, mentorship, candidate, research plan, and career development plan.

Do I need IRB/IACUC approval before applying?

- No you do not, however it is highly suggested that you begin this process prior to being awarded as you will be expected to submit prior approval paperwork, approved by the NIH before you can begin your study. This approval can take 30 days or more.