
Request for Applications
KL2 Mentored Career Development Award
Summer 2022 Appointment
Anticipated start date: July 1, 2022

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Program Summary

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas 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

- Salary support for up to 75% protected time dedicated to clinical and translational research
- Two years of training in a collaborative, supportive environment
- Intensive mentored research experience
- Formal training in clinical and translational research
- Approximately \$20,000 in research funds per year (e.g., project supplies, publication costs, travel)
- Assistance toward securing independent funding by the end of Year 2

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas 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.

Structure and Metrics of the KL2 Program

Structure:

Early in the program scholars determine their 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 must meet the following requirements to apply:

- United States citizen or non-citizen national, or have legal admission as a permanent resident
- Doctoral level degree (MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, PhD or equivalent degree) and completion of all clinical training by the time of the 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 the 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% research effort, but would need their department/school to provide 50% support
- 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

Interested applicants should submit the following documents via https://bit.ly/Frontiers_KL2:

1. Letter of intent: Two pages (maximum) 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 primary mentor

The committee will notify individuals chosen to submit full applications by **November 22, 2021**. Instructions for complete applications will be provided at that time.

Key Dates

Letters of Intent due:

November 1, 2021

Full Applications due:

January 30, 2022