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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



Request for Applications

KL2 Mentored Career Development Award

Summer 2023 Appointment
Anticipated start date: July 1, 2023
<https://frontiersctsi.org>

KEY DATES

Letters of Intent due:
November 11, 2022
Full Applications due:
January 30, 2023

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas invites applicants from all Frontiers partner institutions to apply to the Frontiers 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. Researchers from underrepresented communities in academia are strongly encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- 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
- About \$20,000 per year in research funds*
- Assistance toward securing independent funding by the end of Year 2

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*Financial support contingent on availability of funds. 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, \$27 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 work with their mentors and KL2 leadership to determine their training needs and create an individual career development plan to guide the training 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

- United States citizen or non-citizen national, or have legal admission as a permanent resident
- Doctoral level degree (MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, PhD, DVM, 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 Frontiers partner institution or school to provide 75% protected effort for the scholar to direct towards the KL2
- 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:

- Letter of intent: Two pages outlining career goals, preliminary plans for mentorship, and a brief outline of the anticipated program of research
- NIH biosketch from the applicant
- NIH biosketch from the primary mentor

The committee will notify individuals by **December 2, 2022**, to submit full applications. Questions regarding the application process can be sent to Tresza Hutcheson at thutcheson@kumc.edu.