

# Request for Applications

SCTR KL2 (K12) Multidisciplinary Scholars Program in Clinical & Translational Science

## LEADERSHIP

Program Director: Marc Chimowitz, MBChB  
Program Co-Director: Leonardo Bonilha, MD, PhD

The SCTR KL2 provides mentored, protected research experiences to enhance the development and retention of early career investigators. The program equips scholars with a supportive environment, start-up research funds, and access to program faculty to provide expertise and guidance in conducting a clinical research project. The goal of the SCTR KL2 program is to increase clinical research capacity through the training of junior faculty to help drive research independence.

Eligible candidates are **junior faculty with doctoral-level professional degrees** who are committed to a career in clinical and translational research. KL2 scholars must devote a minimum of **75% full-time professional effort**. Appointments are for 2 years (24 months) with the option of a third year dependent on progress.

## BENEFITS

KL2 scholars receive:

### Research Funding

- **Salary support** of up to \$100,000 plus fringe
- **\$25,000** in project funds to purchase research supplies and small equipment
- **\$1,000** towards travel funds to attend the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) annual meeting in Washington, DC

### Research Support

- **Individual Development Plan (IDP)** guidance and mentorship
- **Guidance and quarterly updates** with KL2 program leadership
- **Support to develop an extramural grant application** to fund research at the conclusion of the KL2 funding
- **Access to SCTR consultation, services and staff**, including SUCCESS Center consults in research navigation, biostatistics, recruitment, REDCap, regulatory issues, grant budgets, and research opportunities and development

## ELIGIBILITY

### Position and Degree Requirements

- **Full-time faculty appointment (regardless of tenure or non-tenure track)** at MUSC at the time of formal acceptance as a scholar. Senior fellows pending faculty appointment may apply.
- **Health professional doctoral degree** or its equivalent – either Clinical (i.e. MD, DrPH, PharmD) or Non-Clinical Doctoral (i.e. PhD, ScD).
- **Instructor or Assistant Professor** and within 10 years of having completed a postdoctoral specialty or subspecialty training (based on the definition for NIH Early Stage Investigators: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>).



- Special permission is required for eligible faculty with VA appointments – please contact [leeachar@musc.edu](mailto:leeachar@musc.edu) prior to applying.

#### Salary and Time Commitment

- Minimum of **75% full-time professional effort** for training and clinical research activities.
  - The 75% effort is based on the entire amount of time worked in a typical week, and should be proportionate.
  - The remaining 25% effort can be divided among other research, clinical and teaching activities if these activities are consistent with the proposed goals of the KL2 program.

#### Citizenship Requirements

- US citizens, Non-citizen nationals, or lawful Permanent Residents
- Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.

#### Prior Research Experience

- Applicants who have previously served as the PD/PI on a NIH R03 or R21 grant or non-PHS equivalent may apply.
- Applicants are **ineligible** to apply if:
  - they have a pending application for any other PHS mentored career development award (e.g. K07, K08, K23) that duplicates the provisions of the K program, an NIH institute-specific K22, or a Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)
  - they have been or are currently a PD/PI on an independent NIH research grant (e.g. R01) or a subproject leader on a Program Project (P01) or Center Grant (P50), or a non-PHS equivalent to these grants.

#### KEY DATES

Release Date: **March 13, 2020**  
Application Deadline: **May 29, 2020 @ 11:59 pm**  
Notification: **June 2020**  
Appointment Term: **July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022**

#### APPLICATIONS

All applications will be submitted online using the InfoReady application portal. **Prior to submitting, all candidates must obtain a Study ID for this funding opportunity in SPARCRequest.** Detailed information about this process can be found on the KL2 webpage: <https://research.musc.edu/resources/sctr/funding-opportunities/clinician-scientist-scholars>.

#### CONTACT

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*For more information about the KL2 program, requirements, expectations, and application process, visit the K program webpage: <https://research.musc.edu/resources/sctr/funding-opportunities/clinician-scientist-scholars>*