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

LEADERSHIP
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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](https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm)).

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Special permission is required for eligible faculty with VA appointments – please contact 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: April 30, 2020 @ 11:59 pm
- Notification: May 2020
- Appointment Term: June 1, 2020 – May 31, 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.

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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

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