

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>).



- 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>