

Request for Applications

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

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 commencing clinically relevant basic, translational, and/or clinical 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. **Two slots** are currently available.

LEADERSHIP

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Program Co-Director: Susan Dorman, MD

KEY DATES

RFA Release Date: **March 1, 2024**
LOI Submission Deadline: **April 15, 2024** (*optional, but encouraged*)
Application Deadline: **May 3, 2024 @ 5:00 pm**
Reviews: **May 2024**
Interviews & Notification: **June 2024**
Appointment Term: **July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026**

BENEFITS

Annual Research Funding

- **Salary support** @ 75% effort of up to \$120,000 plus fringe
- **\$25,000** in project funds to purchase research supplies and small equipment
- **\$1,000** towards travel funds to attend a relevant scientific conference

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

Research Requirements

- Candidates must be starting basic, translational, and/or clinical research projects.

- **The research must be based in clinical and translational science**, with at least one aim focused on translational science (can be exploratory).
- Candidates conducting preclinical research are eligible if they are doing clinical and/or translational science.
 - If conducting preclinical research, candidates should be able to demonstrate how their work is clinically relevant.

Position and Degree Requirements

- **Full-time faculty appointment** (regardless of tenure or non-tenure track) at MUSC at the time of appointment as a scholar. Senior fellows pending faculty appointment may apply.
- **Instructor or Assistant Professor** at the time of appointment as a scholar 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>).
- **Health professional doctoral degree** or its equivalent – either Clinical (i.e. MD, DO, DrPH, PharmD) or Non-Clinical Doctoral (i.e. PhD, ScD).
- 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 **may apply** if they have a pending application for another PHS mentored career development award (e.g. K07, K08, K23) as long as:
 - They have not received a formal Just-in-Time request for funding consideration
 - The other application is pulled from consideration if appointed to the KL2
- Applicants are **ineligible** to apply if:
 - They have received a formal JIT 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.

APPLICATIONS

All applications will be submitted online using the InfoReady application portal:

<https://musc.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1932879>. Prior to submitting, all candidates must obtain a Study ID for this funding opportunity in SPARCRequest (<https://sparc.musc.edu>). The optional LOI should be sent via email to the program manager at leeachar@musc.edu. **Detailed information about the application process and specific requirements can be found in the “Application FAQs” document on the KL2 webpage.**

KL2 Webpage: <https://research.musc.edu/resources/sctr/funding-opportunities/clinician-scientist-scholars>