Request for Applications

UW ICTR Mentored Career Development KL2 Scholars Program

July 1, 2017 Appointment Start Date

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
This award is intended to train and support junior faculty at UW Madison pursuing and actively engaged in translational research and who are committed to developing an independent research program. Funded by NIH, three scholars will be awarded for two years; additional time in the program, as an ICTR Scholar, is possible upon review of scholar progress and need.

- The awardees must average 75% protected time annually (12 months) for career development activities (exceptions can be made for surgeons or procedure-intensive specialties, for whom the rule will be 50% protected time). Applicants who hold appointments less than 12 months or full time (i.e., have VA appointments) are eligible, but still must meet the protected time requirement.
- Financial support of the KL2 Scholar is shared between ICTR and the respective department or school/college.
  - The annual KL2 package provides 75% of a $100,000 university base salary (with fringe support) as well as a $25,000 annual research stipend for personnel, supplies, travel, tuition and other allowable expenses as they pertain to a research project.
  - The scholar’s department or school/college provides one-quarter of this annual KL2 package from non-federal sources, as a “voluntary cost-share”.
  - The department or school/college must also provide the remaining non-KL2 salary (including base and non-base), if applicable.
- The annual KL2 appointment period is July 1 through June 30 and the award start date for this RFA is July 1, 2017, contingent upon successful competitive renewal of the ICTR CTSA award.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS
- Applicants must be an Assistant Professor (tenure track or CHS). It is acceptable to have a non-faculty title at the time of the application (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, assistant scientist, clinical instructor) as long as the applicant will be promoted to a professorial rank by the time of the award (July 1, 2017). This must be clearly indicated in the letter of support from the nominating dean or department chair.
- All applicants must be ICTR members. Membership Application
- Comparable junior research investigators at Marshfield Clinic are also eligible for this award.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or be lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
- Applicants may not simultaneously submit or have pending an application for any other NIH mentored career development award (e.g., K08, K23).
- Former or current PIs on any NIH research project grant or equivalent federal peer reviewed research grants that are over $100,000 direct costs per year, or project leaders on sub-projects of program project (P01) or center grants (P50) are NOT eligible to apply. Note, this does not include NIH Small Grants (R03), Exploratory/ Developmental (R21) or SBIR, STTR (R43, R44 grants).
- An awarded KL2 scholar may not receive salary support from any other federally funded source during the first two years in the program. Note, this does not include those applicants who also have a part-time VA appointment.
- An awarded KL2 scholar is allowed to devote complementary effort without salary support on other research grants that include related research between the KL2 and the research grant. In such cases where there is scientific overlap, the percent effort on the research grant is subsumed within the required effort of the KL2.
Nonetheless, there should not be significant duplication of the scope of the research supported by the KL2 award.

APPLICATION and SUBMISSION INFORMATION
Applicants must be nominated by their department chair or Dean of School/College of their primary academic appointment. Nominated applicants must attend one of two information sessions designed to assist applicants with both understanding the scope of the KL2 program and with completing the application packet. Application packets will be forwarded to applicants upon receipt of the nomination letter.

- Important Dates
  Dean/Chair Nomination Letter Receipt: **August 1, 2016**
  Information Sessions: **August 8 and August 11, 2016**
  Application Receipt: **October 3, 2016**
  Scientific Peer Review: **October 2016**
  Applicant Finalists Selection: **November 15, 2016**
  Finalist Face-to-Face Interviews: **November-December, 2016**
  Study Section: **December, 2016**
  Award Selection: **December, 2016**
  Award JIT: **January, 2017**
  Award Announcement: **January, 2017**

- Nomination Letter
  Deans or chairs may nominate 2 candidates, and are strongly encouraged to consider well qualified applicants who meet the NIH definition of Traditionally Underrepresented Groups (January, 2015). Directors of institutes or centers may NOT submit nominations.
  1. The letter must acknowledge 75% protected time for the applicant (or 50% for surgical appointments or faculty in procedure-intensive specialties).
  2. The letter must also stipulate commitment to the long-term career development of the applicant.
  3. The letter must include a research abstract outlining the long term goals and short term specific aims of the applicant’s proposed research, with enough detail to identify potential reviewers.
  4. The letter must include the names of at least two committed mentors (ideally from different disciplines) to assist in the research and career development of the applicant. Note, mentors will be required to document completion of formal mentor training, either through ICTR, or via an asynchronous method. [https://mentoringresources.ictr.wisc.edu/AdditionalTrainingResources](https://mentoringresources.ictr.wisc.edu/AdditionalTrainingResources)
  5. The letter must be signed by the chair or dean and the applicant, copying division chiefs if applicable.
  6. Send nomination letters to **Peggy Hatfield**, pmhatfie@wisc.edu.

- Application (Specific details to follow)
  1. Basic Data and NIH required information
  2. References
  3. Research abstract with project title
  4. Applicant current CV
  5. Applicant NIH biosketch with Other Support
  6. Candidate Statement
  7. Description of Mentor Support
  8. Individualized Career Development Plan
9. Research Plan
10. Human Subjects
11. Chair or Dean letter of support (not the nomination letter)
12. Mentor letter of commitment
13. NIH biosketch for each mentor and documentation of mentor training
14. Optional (2 publications in your research area)