

KL2 Scholars Career Development Program Eligibility Criteria

1. United States citizen or permanent resident
2. Conduct human relevant clinical and/or translational research.
3. Have a clinical doctorate, PhD or its equivalent (MD, PhD, DO, DDS, DVM, OD, DC, PharmD, DNP).
4. Junior faculty (Assistant Professor with salaried appointment in rank \leq 6 years) with very strong potential to establish and lead funded research programs in clinical/translational science.
Applicants must have a paid or official affiliate faculty appointment (rank of Assistant Professor 9403, Clinical Assistant Professor 9403C, or Research Assistant Professor 9403R) OR have a signed and accepted offer letter (conditional offers are not accepted) at the University of Minnesota at the time of application with a start date before the start of the grant (must provide copy in application). Eligibility includes affiliated faculty at the VA, HCMC, Regions Hospital, and the Children's Hospitals of Minnesota. Faculty members holding adjunct appointments or Research Associates without a signed offer letter as above are ineligible.
5. Identify at least two mentors from different disciplines with very strong research experience, significant active (primary mentor at least) or recent funding and track record of trainees at the rank of Associate Professor or higher, and a third faculty biostatistician mentor. If unsure about mentor choice, contact David Ingbar, MD, Associate Director, CTSI, Kelvin Lim, MD, Director of the KL2 Program, or Michelle Lamere, MPA, ACC, Assistant Director of CTSI Research Education, Training & Career Development (CTSI-Ed).
6. Commit to spending 75% of full-time professional effort conducting research and research career development activities as a CTSI KL2 scholar for 3 years and ongoing research thereafter with submission of major K and R grants (&/or equivalents).
7. Not be, or have been, a principal investigator on an R01, R29 or subproject of a Program Project (P01), Center Grant (P50, P60, U54), mentored career development grants (K-series), or other equivalent research grant awards or career development awards such as those from ACS, ADA, AHA, etc. Those serving as PI of an NIH R03 or R21 grant are eligible to apply for this KL2 grant.
8. A strong, individualized career development plan, including significant formal training in areas such as biostatistics, informatics, trial design, and other new relevant skills/knowledge is required. Obtaining an advanced degree as part of the training is strongly encouraged, as appropriate.
9. Commitment to a minimum of 3 years of research training directed to the goal of obtaining NIH R01 or equivalent funding.
10. Agree to have career development tracked by program and to annually provide updated CVs and complete questionnaires for at least 10 years post program completion.
11. Participants are required to apply for significant career development or research grant support as Principal Investigator (NIH individual K or R01; or other major equivalent, such as national VA, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or American Diabetes Association Career Development Awards) within the first 12 months of receiving a KL2 award. If funding is received within the first 12 months, scholars must commit to complete their first year of career development programming.