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Request for Nominations

UW ICTR Mentored Career Development KL2 Award
July 1, 2022 Appointment Start Date

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The KL2 award is intended to train and support early-career faculty at UW Madison who are pursuing clinical and translational research and are committed to developing an independent research program. The initial appointment is two years, funded by the NIH. An additional, two-year appointment funded internally, is possible, subject to the scholar's progress and need.

- Awardees must average 75% dedicated time annually (9 calendar months) for research and career development activities. (Exceptions can be made for surgeons or procedure-intensive specialties, who may request only 50% dedicated time with strong justification.) Applicants who hold appointments less than 12 months or full-time (e.g., with VA appointments) are eligible, but still must meet the dedicated 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) and a $25,000 annual research stipend for personnel, supplies, travel, tuition and other allowable expenses as they pertain to a research project.
  - 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. The award start date for this RFA is July 1, 2022 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 (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, assistant scientist, clinical instructor) at the time of application as long as the applicant will be promoted to a professorial rank by the time of the award (July 1, 2022). This must be clearly indicated in the letter of support from the nominating dean or department chair.
- Comparable junior research investigators at Marshfield Clinic are 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 PHS mentored career development award (e.g., K08, K23). However, they may have an independent career development award under review at the VA or a foundation.
- Former or current PDs/PIs on any NIH-funded research project grant (or equivalent federal peer-reviewed research grant) that exceeds $100,000 in direct costs per year, or project leaders on sub-projects of program project (P01) or center grants (P50), **are NOT eligible to apply.** Former/current PI on any grant with $100,000 or less in direct costs, including NIH Small Grants (R03), Exploratory/ Developmental (R21) or SBIR, STTR (R43, R44 grants), **are eligible to apply**.
- Applicants may have an NIH R grant application under review at the time of their KL2 application. However, an awarded KL2 scholar may not receive salary support from any other federally funded source during the first two years in the program.
- Applicants may take a leave of absence to work at the VA as long as they can still accommodate the 9 calendar month dedicated time on their UW appointment.

- A KL2 scholar is allowed to devote effort without salary support on other research grants that include related research between the KL2 and the research grant. In cases where there is scientific overlap, effort on the research grant is subsumed within the 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 the school/college of their primary academic appointment. Application packets will be forwarded to applicants upon receipt of the nomination letter. Nominated applicants **must attend <u>one of two</u> information sessions** designed to assist applicants with understanding the scope of the KL2 program and with completing the application packet.

Important Dates

    Dean/Chair Nomination Letter Receipt: **July 30, 2021**

    Mandatory Information Sessions (attend one): **August 5 or August 9, 2021**

    Application Receipt: **October 1, 2021**

    Study Section: **December 2021**

    Award Selection: **December 2021**

    Award JIT: **January 2022**

    Award Announcement**: January 2022**

Nomination Letter

Deans or chairs may nominate **two** candidates. They may nominate additional candidates if those individuals meet the updated (2/2020) NIH definition of diversity. Directors of institutes or centers may NOT submit nominations.

- The letter must acknowledge 75% (9 calendar months) dedicated time for the applicant, or 50% for surgeons or faculty in procedure-intensive specialties, with a strong justification for such reduction in protected time. The justification must detail how the applicant's research and career development will not be impaired by this lower effort. The letter needs to include a detailed description of the candidate's duties to demonstrate, if awarded, 75% protected time for research and training activities throughout the applicant's participation in the KL2 Scholars Program.
- The letter must also stipulate commitment to the long-term career development of the applicant.
- 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.
- 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. http://cimerproject.org/#/resources/index
- The letter must be signed by the chair or dean and the applicant, copying division chiefs if applicable.
- Send nomination letters to **Ana Garić**, ana.garic@wisc.edu

Application (Specific details to follow)

- Applicant information, research project details and NIH required information
- Applicant current CV
- Applicant NIH biosketch and other support
- Translational research competency self-evaluation
- Mentor information
- Candidate statement

- Individualized career development plan
- Description of mentor support
- Research plan
- Human subjects/animal protocols
- Mentors' letters of support and commitment
- Mentors' NIH biosketches
- Mentors' documentation of completed mentor training
- Chair's or dean's letter of support (not the nomination letter)
- References letters (at least 2)
- Appendix - optional (2 publications in your research area)
- Applicant demographics

Questions involving the application or review process should be directed to Ana Garić, ana.garic@wisc.edu or (608) 265-1861.