

# University of Rochester Clinical and Translational Science Institute KL2 Institutional Career Development Program Request for Applications

For Projects with a Start Date of July 1, 2022

**Vision:** Scholars of the University of Rochester KL2 Institutional Career Development Program will become national leaders in the next generation of translational scientists, who will have the skills and knowledge to innovate and improve the efficacy and efficiency of translation, from discovery to implementation and dissemination within the Learning Health System and beyond.

**Mission:** The UR KL2 will align with the UR Clinical and Translational Science Institute and CTSA Consortium, and implement a high quality, team-science based research career development program for early career translational scientists.

**Note:** The UR CTSI KL2 Institutional Career Development Program (KL2 Scholars Program) is funded by the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA, a NIH-funded grant).

## Important Dates

- Friday, October 8, 2021, 5 p.m. Eastern Time - Submit Letter of Intent
- Friday, November 12, 2021, 5 p.m. Eastern Time - Submit application packet
- Friday, February 18, 2022 - Notification of recipient(s)
- July 1, 2022 – Start of the award

## Program Description

The UR CTSI KL2 Institutional Career Development Program (KL2 Scholars Program) is a two-year program funded by the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program from the National Institutes of Health. The KL2 Scholars Program is designed to offer early career postdoctoral scholars advanced training in translational science research aligned with CTSA Program goals of advancing therapeutics (drugs, devices, and preventatives), clinical interventions, and behavioral modifications to improve health. The program offers flexible learning models to engage postdoctoral scholars in team science, individual development plans, advanced research training, and career guidance to those committed to pursuing a career in clinical and translational research.

Trainees will be expected to develop and implement a research experience supervised by a mentor team. The research project should be designed as a pilot project to set the stage for an individual K-award application, or to establish a foundation for a subsequent individual R-award application. The goal of the program is to promote the successful transition of KL2 Scholars to an independent career as a clinical and translational investigator, generally by means of an individual K- or R-award. Scholars are required to commit to devoting 75% effort to the KL2 program (or 50% for candidates who practice in certain procedure-based medical specialties).

The program has devised three training specializations that capitalize on institutional strengths and priorities, including Experimental Therapeutics, Digital Health, and Health Equity-Focused Dissemination and Implementation. Prospective scholars are encouraged, but are not required, to take advantage of one of the three specializations. If applicants are interested in one of the three training specializations, they are encouraged to contact the Co-Directors of each specialization during the application process via email.

## ***Health Equity-Focused Dissemination and Implementation***

*Drs. Kevin Fiscella, Reza Yousefi-Nooraie, and James McMahon*

Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) is the science and practice of how evidence-based interventions and policies are effectively translated, distributed, and implemented in real world settings. Training in this specialization pathway should include education and experience in research that adapts the core elements of implementation science to promote health equity.

## ***Experimental Therapeutics***

*Drs. Robert Holloway and Karen Mustian*

The UR has unique strengths, infrastructure, and qualifications for programs focused on target identification and development as well as design and oversight of multi-center clinical trials. Training in this specialization pathway should encompass education and experience from different stages of therapeutic development, from discovery to implementation. A sample curriculum may include advanced topics in experimental therapeutics, such as novel study design, virtual research visits, emerging statistical methods, innovations in outcome measurement, novel recruitment approaches, and research ethics topics.

## ***Digital Health***

*Drs. Scott Steele and Ray Dorsey*

The UR is home to a community of clinicians, computer scientists, bioinformaticians, and regulatory science experts who are modernizing methods of measuring and delivering health via digital health tools and data analysis approaches. Training proposed in this specialization pathway may include education in: remote monitoring of individuals' medical disorders, treatment adherence, integration of multimodal data (including EHR data), and developing digital measures as novel endpoints.

See also:

- [University of Rochester Clinical and Translational Science Institute \(UR CTSI\)](#)
- [UR CTSI research education programs](#)

## **Support Provided**

While enrolled in the KL2 Scholars Program, scholars will receive:

- A stipend or salary to help support the proportional effort required to participate in the program. The CTSA Program will pay 75% salary support up to a maximum of \$70,000 per year contingent on available funds. Therefore, the Scholar's home department may be required to supplement support according to institutional guidelines. Salary supplementation may be from extramural sources, except that no federal funds may be used for this purpose. These funds will be audited by the Office of Research Accounting and Costing Standards (ORACS) yearly.
- Typically, up to \$20,000 of non-salary support per year, which can be used for research, tuition, travel expenses, educational materials in support of the scholar's career development plan, or other costs related to the scholar's research project. If you are taking formal coursework, please utilize the UR tuition waiver first, and then apply KL2 funding for the difference.
- Those appointed as postdoctoral clinical or research fellows receive benefits as defined by the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry's Office of Graduate Medical Education (see their [Benefits/Contract for Trainees webpage](#)). Those appointed as faculty receive benefits as defined by the University of Rochester (see the [University of Rochester Total Rewards website](#)).

## ***Other Details***

The financial year for Year 1 of funding begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023; funding for Year 2 begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024. KL2 program appointment start and end dates must coincide with these dates to receive NIH funding. KL2 Scholars are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS), typically held in the spring in Washington, D.C. Grant funds may be used for this purpose. Candidates selected for the KL2 Scholars Program may be eligible to apply to the NIH Loan Repayment Program.

## ***Program Contacts***

For more information about the University of Rochester KL2 Scholars Program in Clinical and Translational research, please contact:

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# Admissions

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to the KL2 Scholars Program, applicants must define and participate in a translational research project. Translational science aims to understand and refine the process of turning observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve health of individuals and communities.

Note: The CTSA Program is funded by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). With the signing of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) into law in December 2016, the Public Health Service (PHS) Act was amended to allow NCATS to support clinical trial activities through the end of phase II for all diseases or conditions, and through the end of phase III for a rare disease or condition. Please refer to NCATS notice (NOT-TR-18-025) for more information.

## Qualifications

Other qualifications for the KL2 Scholars Program include:

- A doctoral-level degree in a health discipline that can be applied to clinical or translational research. These degrees include, but are not limited to MD, DO, DMD, DDS, DPH, PharmD, as well as PhDs in a clinically relevant field, such as biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, and nursing.
- US citizen or permanent resident. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.
- Must be an early-stage investigator committed to advanced training and a career in translational science research aligned with the CTSA Programs goals of advancing therapeutics (drugs, devices, and preventives), clinical interventions, and behavioral modifications to improve health
- Scholars may have had support on a NRSA grant (F or T) or NIH small grant (R03).
- Commitment to a two-year program. During this time, at least 75 percent of the KL2 Scholar's full-time professional effort must be devoted to the program. The remainder of time may be devoted to developing other clinical or academic pursuits that are consistent with the objectives of developing a career as an independent clinical or translational researcher. Certain clinical specialties may have less than 75 percent effort -- but no less than 50 percent effort -- if sufficiently justified (e.g. surgical specialties requiring 50 percent direct patient care time to keep up surgical skills).
- The financial year for Year 1 of funding begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023; funding for Year 2 begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024. KL2 program appointment start and end dates must coincide with these dates to receive NIH funding.

Exclusions:

- At the time of application, scholars must NOT have pending an application for any other PHS mentored career development award (e.g. K07, K08, K22, K23) that duplicates any of the provisions of the KL2.
- Former or current PDs/PIs on any NIH research project grant [this does not include NIH small grants (R03), exploratory Developmental (R21) or SBIR, STTR (R43, R44 grants)] or equivalent non-PHS peer reviewed 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 participate as Scholars.

## Valuing Diversity

Any candidate with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is invited to work with their mentor(s) to develop an application for support. Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women are encouraged to apply. Applicants are also encouraged to create a diverse mentor team to provide multidisciplinary skills, expertise, and outlook.

The University of Rochester is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. The University believes that a diverse workforce and inclusive workplace culture

enhances the performance of our organization and our ability to fulfill our important mission. We believe that a diverse research workforce furthers the translational research mission and empowers organizations to ask and answer the broadest, most innovative research questions. The University is committed to fostering and supporting a culture inclusive of people regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, marital status, age, physical abilities, political affiliation, religious beliefs or any other non-merit fact, so that everyone feels included, equally valued and supported.

## Application Process

### *Positions*

Two or more positions are available annually and have a start date of July 1, 2022.

### *Timeline*

- Please email Caroline Callahan at [Caroline\\_Callahan@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Caroline_Callahan@urmc.rochester.edu) by **5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 8, 2021** if you intend to apply.
- Submit **application packet** through our online application system by **5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 12, 2021**.

### *How to Apply*

**Step 1: Identify a primary mentor and co-mentor(s).** One of the most important steps in applying to the KL2 Scholars Program is to identify a multidisciplinary mentorial team. Your primary mentor should be located at the University of Rochester. You and your primary mentor should determine appropriate co-mentor(s) in other disciplines that will bring valuable expertise to your career development and research proposal. For assistance in identifying a primary mentor and one or more co-mentors, see the informational links below. You may contact the UR CTSI Research Help Desk ([ResearchHelp@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:ResearchHelp@urmc.rochester.edu)) for assistance in identifying potential mentors. See also: [Research Departments and Centers at the University of Rochester](#).

**Step 2: Notify the UR CTSI of your intent to apply by 5pm EST, on Friday, October 8, 2021.** The information allows us to better plan the review process and assist potential applicants as necessary. In the email you must provide your name and doctoral degrees, your current department and position in that department, the names and specialties of your primary mentor and co-mentor(s), a working title for your proposed project, and two or three sentences describing your anticipated research proposal. **Send your email to Caroline Callahan at [Caroline\\_Callahan@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Caroline_Callahan@urmc.rochester.edu).**

**Step 3: Complete the required documentation.** To apply, you will need to submit the application materials listed below. Resubmissions should include a cover letter detailing how you addressed prior reviewer comments. Please follow NIH guidelines for grant style, content, and format contained in the [NIH Application Guide](#).

1. **Your NIH-format biosketch** ([sample and form available online](#)). Do NOT submit a CV. Prepare your personal statement to be relevant to your KL2 mentored career development proposal.
2. **NIH-format biosketches for your mentors.** Mentors should edit the personal statements on their NIH biosketches to describe their specific role in your KL2 program and career development.
3. **Research Career Development Plan (RCDP)**
  - a) The candidate and the mentor are jointly responsible for the preparation of the career development plan. See Table 1 for a typical KL2 Scholar 2-year curriculum. (3-page limit, excluding references).

- b) A brief summary of your career path to date. This should include a critical self-appraisal of your training needs and description of how the mentor team will meet your needs. Please refer to [NCATS Translational Science Education Resources](#) for information regarding translational science skills and the CTSA Program's core and special interest clinical and translational research competencies.
  - c) Describe a plan: (1) that shows a logical progression from prior research and training experiences to the training and research experiences that will occur during the KL2 award period; (2) that justifies the need for further career development; and (3) that utilizes the relevant research and educational resources of the institution.
  - d) Descriptions of the training you are seeking and how the training by the Scholars Program will help you achieve these goals. Regarding the proposed training plan:
    - i. You should address your commitment to the KL2 foundational curriculum (see Appendix);
    - ii. Select additional coursework and programs to best support your individual background, discipline, and career objectives. Scholars can choose from the UR CTSI's educational programs and coursework that span the translational research spectrum.
    - iii. If you are interested in aligning your individualized training curriculum to one of the three training specializations (Experimental Therapeutics, Digital Health, and Health Equity-Focused Dissemination and Implementation), you should contact the Co-Directors for that specialization. See Table 2 for sample coursework and partnerships for each specialization. These are only samples, and each training plan should be customized to the career development needs of the applicant.
  - e) Describe the professional responsibilities/activities, including other research projects, beyond the minimum required 75% effort commitment to the KL2 award. Explain how these responsibilities/activities will help ensure career progression to achieve independence as an investigator conducting clinical and translational research.
  - f) Plans and timing of submission for subsequent funding, including K- or R-series mechanisms, or equivalent, as appropriate to training and research needs. A timeline is often helpful.
- 4. Mentored Research Plan.** A sound research project that is consistent with the candidate's level of research development and objectives of his/her career development plan must be provided (4-page limit, excluding references). Organize the research plan as indicated in the NIH Form PHS 398, following instructions for the Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies, and Research Design and Methods. The candidate should consult with mentor(s) regarding the development of this section. Studies that involve early stage clinical trials (biomedical and behavioral intervention studies) must include a description of the plan for data and safety monitoring of the research and adverse event reporting to ensure the safety of subjects (see [NIH Grants Policy Statement, section 4.1.15.6](#)).
- 5. The following 3 letters of support.**
- i. **Letter from proposed primary mentor** detailing his/her support of and commitment to the applicant and the proposed research and training plan. The letter should include the mentor's qualifications; including prior experience in the supervision, training, and successful mentoring of clinical/translational researchers. The letter should also include how often the mentor plans to meet with the candidate, and confirm that adequate space, facilities, and resources will be made available for the successful completion of the research project. The letter should describe how the proposed research fits into the mentor's research program, including a description of the specific role of the applicant in the research. The primary mentor letter should not exceed two pages.
  - ii. **A letter of recommendation from at least one proposed co-mentor, but no more than 3 letters of recommendation in total.** The co-mentor must be in a different discipline than the primary mentor. This letter must include the co-mentor's assessment of the candidate's qualifications and potential for future success. The letter should also indicate the co-mentor's qualifications, including experience in providing similar mentorship and research expertise. This letter should not exceed one page. You may submit up to three (3) recommendation letters.

- iii. **A letter of nomination from the Chair of the candidate's Department or Director of the candidate's Center**, including assurances that non-research responsibilities will be restricted to no more than 25% of the trainee's time (or 50% for certain procedure-based specialties such as surgery). The letter should also comment on plans for further career development of the candidate after the period of the Scholar award and should address the candidate's motivation and likelihood to become an independent investigator.
6. A listing of your and your mentors' current and pending support, other than this award, using NIH format.
7. **A financial analysis**, signed by both your Department Chair/Center Director and your department's research administrator, documenting the financial impact of the KL2 award on the Department/Center. The analysis will calculate supplemental funds required of the Department to support the Scholar's salary, if any, based upon current and anticipated applicant salary information for the two years of the award. The applicant must contact Alfred Vitale (alfred\_vitale@urmc.rochester.edu), UR CTSI Director of Research Education, who will provide a standard financial analysis template.
8. **Overview of expected spending**, using the standard NIH PHS 398 Form Page 4, please provide, to the best of your knowledge, any purchases you anticipate making during your appointment period that will require KL2 funds. A detailed budget will let us know in advance if there are any planned purchases that are unallowable on the award. A budget justification detailing why the planned expenditures will support the success of the project needs to be included.  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>

**Step 4: You must submit the required materials listed above through our online application system no later than 5 p.m.** Eastern Time on Friday, November 12, 2021. Supplementary material will not be accepted. You must notify the UR CTSI immediately of any revisions or updates to your current or pending support that occur between submission of your application and the date of official notification of KL2 award status. Failure to notify the UR CTSI of such changes in a timely and accurate fashion may disqualify you from the KL2 program.

## **Application Review Process and Criteria**

Each application will be reviewed initially for completeness and eligibility.

Applications will be reviewed by the KL2 Recruitment/Selection Committee using a similar format, numerical scoring system (1-9), and template used for NIH Career Development awards. In addition to an overall impact score, reviewers will give a separate score for each of the five following criteria in the determination of scientific and technical merit: 1) Candidate, 2) Career Development Plan/Career Goals & Objectives/Plan to Provide Mentoring, 3) Research Plan, 4) Mentor(s), Co-Mentor(s), Consultants, Collaborators, and 5) Environment and Institutional Commitment to the Candidate. Faculty reviewers with a significant conflict of interest will not be allowed to review.

### **Notification of Recipients**

Notification of recipients: By Friday, February 18, 2022.

Award start date: July 1, 2022

## **Requirements if Funds are Awarded**

### ***Annual and Final Progress Reports***

An annual progress report is due in March of the first year during the Scholar's term of appointment. Renewal of the award in year 2 is contingent upon presentation of a satisfactory progress report. An annual progress report is also due in March of the second year during the Scholar's term of appointment. Additionally, a final research report and a final expenditure report are due within 60 days following the close of the grant term.

### ***Publications***

All publications that benefit in whole or in part from support provided by the UR CTSI must do the following:

1. Comply with the [NIH Public Access Policy](#): Assistance with the compliance process is available through the Miner Library.
2. Acknowledge UR CTSI grant funding using this language: "The project described in this publication was supported by the University of Rochester CTSA award number KL2 TR001999 from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes of Health. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health."

### ***Clinical Trials***

If the proposed research project involves a clinical trial, the awardee will be required to promptly inform the UR CTSI of all adverse events that are serious, unexpected and related to participation in research. Further guidance is available on the [Office for Human Research Protection website](#). In addition, most clinical trials must be registered in [clinicaltrials.gov](#). For more information about registration requirements, see the [UR CTSI's Regulatory Support pages](#).

### ***Research Involving Human Subjects or Vertebrate Animals***

If the proposed research project involves human subjects or vertebrate animals, the NIH requires that the UR CTSI obtain explicit approval from the NIH before the research can begin. Accordingly, IRB or UCAR approval documentation and other materials must be submitted to the NIH at least 30 days prior to the project start date. UR CTSI personnel will work with awardees to meet these requirements.

### ***ORCID IDs***

All key personnel on the research project must obtain an ORCID ID, which provides a persistent digital identifier that the investigator owns and controls, and that distinguishes the investigator from every other researcher.

## **Appendix. Elements of the Foundational Curriculum**

### ***Rigorous Research Training***

*Coursework in Ethics and Professional Integrity (IND506)*: This course is only offered in the fall semester and you must enroll in IND 506 during the first year of your appointment. This course is required of all clinical and basic science postdoctoral fellows in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The course features 10 sessions consisting of lecture/case study presentations followed by small group discussions that provide information on the various topics that the National Institutes for Health consider essential for the responsible conduct of research. Specific topics include the ethical issues underlying human experimentation and

related conflicts of interest, animal experimentation, the mentor-mentee relationship, scientific misconduct and plagiarism, collaborative and team science, and publication/authorship. The course also provides an introduction to approaches for improving rigor and transparency with the goal of enhancing research reproducibility. This is a non-credit bearing course that cannot be applied to any degree program in the School.

*Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training:* Scholars engaged in clinical trials will receive GCP training. Scholars will complete an online GCP training program (via the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) that has been approved by the UR Office for Human Subject Protection. NIH requires all funded “investigators and staff who are involved in the conduct, oversight or management of clinical trials” be trained in Good Clinical Practice. The policy further requires Investigators to take a refresher GCP training course every three years. The course is available through the CITI training platform.

### **Team Science Training**

*Team Science Course (PM 403):* This course introduces Scholars to the concepts, practice, and challenges of team science and collaborative research environments. Scholars will be exposed to both team science initiatives and the science of team science, as presented through practical examples from local research teams and researchers, with a focus on practical implications of a team science approach to biomedical research requiring large-scale data analysis.

### **Grant Preparation Activities**

*Participate and Present at the Research Methods Forum:* Each Scholar will be required to regularly attend, participate in, and present at the bi-weekly UR CTSI Research Methods Forum. The Scholars will present at the Research Methods Forum to obtain feedback on the appropriateness of specific aims (both scope and clarity), strength of preliminary data, and the rigor of research methods. In addition to core Research Methods Forum faculty, additional specific faculty attendees will be invited to participate in each session, based on the discipline and content of the presenter’s research. Following the presentation, members of the Forum will continue to provide KL2 Scholars with feedback and support by reviewing grant proposals and study protocols in order to improve rigor and transparency of the proposed work.

*Grantsmanship course (PM 438):* The Grantsmanship course will teach Scholars how to identify funding opportunities, prioritize potential grant opportunities, present a research project/program in a grant application, and navigate and complete the application process

### **Other Professional and Leadership Skills**

*2 CFR 200 Procurement Principles:* It is a CTSI requirement that all KL2 Scholars take the 2 CFR 200 Procurement Principles in MyPath. This module is meant for any person who has been delegated authority to purchase goods or services for a federally funded project at the University of Rochester.

### **Rochester Early-Stage Investigator Network (RESIN)**

To leverage a greater breadth of existing resources at the University of Rochester, as well as strengthen the community of early stage faculty, a group of leaders from various departments across the medical center joined together with the existing leadership of UR K-Club, the Junior Faculty Biomedical Research Association, the UR Office of Faculty Development, and the UR CTSI Research Education branch to create the Rochester Early-Stage Investigator Network (RESIN). RESIN works across departments and centers to optimize and support training for early-stage investigators from across the translational spectrum, including past and current KL2 scholars. RESIN helps early-stage investigators develop the skills and knowledge to innovate and improve the efficacy and efficiency of translation, from discovery to implementation and dissemination within the Learning Health System and beyond. RESIN activities complement, and do not replace, individual department and center efforts to support early-stage investigators. RESIN supports the

University's efforts to be a fully inclusive, equitable, anti-racist and multicultural organization by helping departments recruit and support diverse faculty. The bi-monthly workshop series for 2021-22 will include the following hands-on workshops and seminars: Conducting Clinical and Translational Research: How the UR CTSI Can Help; Starting Your Lab: How to Hire your First Employee; How to Talk to a Biostatistician or Bioinformatician; Preparing and Presenting an Elevator Speech; Art of Writing a Good K Grant; Social Media to Maximize Research Exposure; and will culminate in a networking retreat of K scholars and other early stage faculty.

*Association for Clinical and Translational Science Annual Conference (ACTS)*. Scholars will be expected to attend at least one Annual Conference of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science.

<b>Progress Monitoring (Year 1 and Year 2)</b>				
	<b>Y1 July-December</b>	<b>Y1 January-June</b>	<b>Y2 July-December</b>	<b>Y2 January-June</b>
<b>Monitoring Scholar Progress</b>	X	X	X	X

<b>General Program Activities (Year 1 and Year 2)</b>	
<b>Application and Orientation</b>	Sets the stage for overall program goals, timelines and expectations
<b>Customized Education Plan</b>	Chosen from UR's wide range of educational programs and coursework
<b>Mentored Research Project(s)</b>	Mentored primary and collaborative research projects
<b>Rigor and Team Science Training</b>	Ethics course and proposed team science experience and training
<b>Other Skill-Building Activities</b>	As-needed for Scholar career development (e.g., process innovation and improvement skills, diversity training, recruitment, regulatory science)
<b>Mentored Grant Writing</b>	Prepare and submit grant within 12-18 months

<b>Program Wide Meetings and Events (Year 1 and Year 2)</b>	
<b>Rochester Early-Stage Investigator Network (RESIN)</b>	Bi-monthly meetings covering translational research and career development topics
<b>CTSI Research Methods Forum</b>	Multi-disciplinary meeting to present and obtain feedback on grant submissions
<b>Mentored Research Project(s)</b>	Journal club reviewing Harvard Business Reviews 10 Must Reads: On Leadership
<b>Annual ACTS Meeting</b>	Attending annual Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) Meeting