

OCTRI KL2 Application FAQ

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Please check back for updated information. Refer to the RFA for key dates and important application information.

Is this open to PhDs as well as MDs or other research or clinical doctorates?

Yes, PhDs are encouraged to apply as well as others with individuals with other doctoral degrees.

Am I eligible if I have received funding (or have funding) from a foundation?

Yes, you are eligible if you've received or have current funding from a foundation.

Do figures and figure legends count toward the page limit for the research proposal?

Yes, figures and legends count toward the page limit of the full application.

What should be included in the abstract?

Write your abstract as you would for an NIH independent K award with both a summary of your research scientific plan and training plan.

If I have multiple mentors, would you like a letter from each mentor?

We only require a letter from your lead mentor, however, your other mentors may submit a letter as well. Instructions for submitting letters will be provided to applicants invited to submit a full application. Please make sure to discuss each of your mentors and their roles in your personal statement. Roles in your personal statement should be consistent with mentor letters.

Is there a page limit on the NIH biosketch of the mentors? Do you require a biosketch from the applicant?

The mentor's biosketch must be submitted in a typical NIH format which cannot exceed 5 pages.

The applicant should have submitted a biosketch with the letter of intent.

Does this proposal have to be submitted with a PPQ and sent through the Office of Proposal and Award Management (OPAM)?

No. Successful applicants will be required to submit a PPQ for account set up and to submit appointment forms to NIH. These will be handled through OCTRI once awarded. Applications can be sent directly to OCTRI.

Do I have to have IRB or IACUC approval to apply for this research project?

No. We use a just-in-time model. If you are a successful KL2 applicant, you will be required to have IRB or IACUC approval as appropriate prior to account set-up. We anticipate that your review may include suggested revisions to your proposal. In addition, your protocol and data safety plan must be approved by NCATS prior to release of funding.

Can a scholar have 1.0 FTE on sponsored projects?

The sponsoring institution may supplement the NIH salary contribution up to a level that is consistent with the institution's salary scale; however, supplementation may not be from other federal funds unless specifically authorized by the federal program from which such funds are derived, i.e. VAMC. In no case may PHS funds be used for salary supplementation. Institutional supplementation must not require extra duties or responsibilities that would interfere with the purpose of the KL2 component.

What about a budget? It is not listed as a required document.

A budget is not required. Understand that you must receive at least 75% of your salary (not to exceed \$75,000 per year plus OPE) plus \$25K for research expenses each year. In that way, our budget for you is set. However, we will pay attention to a proposal that appears to include costs in excess of the \$25K.

You will note that in the mentor and department letters, we ask for an explanation for how your study will be funded as you may require additional research funding than can be provided. It is up to you and your mentors to explain how the research will be accomplished with this money. If including a budget would help, then do so.

Am I eligible if I already had a K23 award or another award?

No, recipients of any mentored K award are not eligible. Individuals are *not* eligible if they have been PI on an R01 award, a subproject of a program project (P01) or center project (P50, P60, U54), a mentored career development (K) award, or other equivalent research grant. However, they are eligible if have had support from a NRSA (F or T) or NIH small grant (R03 or R21).

Are non-U.S. citizens eligible for this KL2 program?

U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and non-citizen nationals are eligible, but not those on temporary or student visas.

If I am offered an award but cannot accept, may I defer my acceptance to a year later?

No, but you are welcome to reapply during a later year.

Can KL2 Scholars use other federal grants to support the other 25% of their salary?

No, KL2 Scholars may not receive salary support from other US Public Health Service sources (NIH, CDC, FDA, etc). Non-federal grants can be used to support the remaining effort. Grants from private foundations, voluntary organizations (Heart Association, Cancer Society), and professional societies are all acceptable.

Does receiving a KL2 award make one ineligible to apply for a future K08 or K23?

No, appointed KL2 scholars may apply for K08 or K23 support. If successful, scholars can transition from one mechanism to the other. However, the total combined K award time can't exceed 5-7 years depending upon the guidelines of individual institutes within NIH. The goal is to have KL2 awardees "graduate" as quickly as possible to NIH funding. Typically, this would be an NIH career development award in the K series.

Are KL2 scholars eligible to apply for the NIH Loan Repayment Program?

Absolutely, many KL2 Scholars have successfully applied for the Loan Repayment Program. More information about this program is available at <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/>.

What is the number of academic credits per term (or per year) considered acceptable and compatible with the research activities for the KL2 program?

This is really up to you. If you feel you need a lot of skill development to accomplish your aims, then consider taking perhaps 2 courses a term or front-loading coursework in year 1. Trying to accelerate a curriculum to complete a master's degree in one year may not be advisable, however.

Is there is any restriction for including courses outside the Human Investigations Program in the training program?

The only restriction is that tuition for courses outside of the HIP/MCR program will need to be paid from your research funds allotted through the KL2. We can waive tuition within the HIP program but not from other program courses. Your ability to have sufficient funds available is the only limiting factor.

Can courses provided by Universities/Institutions other than OHSU be included in the course program?

Yes, absolutely. Sometimes what may be very efficient are the sort of intensive, short courses that are offered specific to a focus.