UC San Diego ACTRI Invites Applications for KL2 Training Support for Early Career Faculty

The UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) is pleased to announce the 2022 call for applications for the KL2 Mentored Career Development Award!

The ACTRI KL2 award is a Mentored Career Development Award that provides up to $120,000 toward salary, plus benefits, along with $25,000 per year in research funds. Successful applicants will receive up to 3 years of support pending good progress.

The KL2 grant mechanism is an institutional equivalent of a K23, K01 or K08 award for early-career faculty. The KL2 also provides didactic opportunities through ACTRI’s Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST) program, career and grant writing training, and mentored research experience. Alumni from the KL2 program have been highly successful in obtaining independent funding (e.g. R01 awards) and/or transitioning to other K awards.

The KL2 program is actively seeking applications from broad scientific backgrounds, including engineering, computational sciences, public health, and others. We also welcome applications beyond UCSD from ACTRI partner research institutions including San Diego State University, J. Craig Venter Institute, Sanford-Burnham Prebys Medical Research Institute, Salk Institute, and La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology.

Applicants from underrepresented groups in health sciences are especially encouraged to apply. The NIH has recently formalized the definition of underrepresented groups: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html

Eligible KL2 applicants may opt-in to the SUSTAIN (Sustaining Under-represented Scholars in Translational And Interdisciplinary Networks) program and will then be considered without having to submit specifically for this opportunity when submitting applications (see Eligibility Information (https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/Eligibility.aspx). By selecting Yes in this section of your application you would automatically be considered for the program. For more information, please visit: SUSTAIN (ucsd.edu)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Instructors or assistant professors in any academic series
- Fellows or post-doctoral researchers who will have completed their training and have a faculty appointment by the time of receipt of funding
- Affiliates of UC San Diego or ACTRI Partner Research Institutions*
- Five years or fewer post-completion of a post-doctoral fellowship
- Candidates must have a letter of support from their departmental chair to apply
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Individuals who have already received a K grant, R01, or R01-equivalent grant are not eligible.

Awardees must commit to 75% research effort and the awardees’ home departments must commit to honoring this 75% research effort as documented in the Chair’s letter. In return, ACTRI will grant up to $120,000 towards salary, plus benefits. Practicing clinicians in certain procedurally-oriented fields such as surgery may be eligible to commit 50% research effort. Please contact us for more information about this exception for
procedurally-oriented fields.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday February 25, 2022 at 5P.M. PST**

After the competitive review process in March-May, our goal is to notify applicants by June. Successful applicants will then undergo a secondary regulatory review process through the KL2 Program’s parent funder NCATS (similar to the Just-In-Time process for NIH Grants). Therefore, start dates for the award would be as early as mid-summer.

For detailed information about the program, eligibility and the application process, please visit: [https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/Eligibility.aspx](https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/Eligibility.aspx)

Please contact ACTRI-Education at ACTRI-Education@health.ucsd.edu for any questions about the program; copy Adriana Tremoulet (atremoulet@health.ucsd.edu) and Colin Depp (cdepp@health.ucsd.edu).