

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.

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 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.

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 4 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 research support office?

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 for scholars through OCTRI once awarded.

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

No. We use a just-in-time model. Prior to receiving and spending money from NIH, if you are a successful KL2 applicant, you will be required to have IRB approval. However, we anticipate that your protocol may be modified by your mentor and our KL2 advisory panel and therefore approval is not required at the time of review.

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. 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.

The 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.

You will note that in the mentor and department letters, we ask these individuals to explain how your study will be funded as you will likely need additional research funding. 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).

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, they move 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 www.lrp.nih.gov.

What is the number of 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 I would think about 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 in the training program courses outside the Human Investigations Program? Should their number be proportionate to the electives suggested?

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 program but not from other courses, obviously. 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.