REQUEST FOR CTSC KL2 POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS AWARD APPLICATIONS
APPLICATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

KL2 Post-Doctoral Scholars Award
Up to $80,000 per year (for up to 2 years)
Funding Period
Year 1: June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011*
Year 2: June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012
* Clinical Fellows may have a 7/1/2010 start date.

Purpose: To increase the pool of trained clinical and translational (C/T) investigators by providing advanced degree training and practical skills necessary to conduct independent interdisciplinary C/T investigation in a team research environment.

The program is intended mainly for junior faculty and senior residents and fellows with 75% protected time to pursue their interest in clinical and translational research.

Through this program, KL2 Scholars will be prepared for long-term careers in clinical and translational research and develop into independent researchers.

Post-doctoral Scholars may choose to earn either an Advanced Certificate or a Master’s Degree in Clinical & Translational Research. However, in the rare exception that a scholar is currently seeking a second professional doctoral degree (MD, DDs, DMD, DO, PHAE, ND, DNP, DVM, DPT, or DAUD), enrollment in the Master’s Degree in Clinical & Translational Research is required.

The KL2 training program combines Core Didactic Courses and Elective Courses and a Multi-disciplinary C/T Research Project. More information is available at: http://www.med.cornell.edu/clinicalresearch/masters/.

Proposals Must Have
1. Team Orientation (at least 2 mentors)
2. Translational focus (studies that have near-term potential to translate into patient-oriented research, exploratory clinical trials, community-oriented studies)

Eligibility
- Senior fellows
- Residents and fellows in the Internal Medicine research pathway
- PhDs
- Junior faculty (instructor or assistant professor)
- Nurses who currently hold DSN, DPT, or PhD degrees
- All candidates must be US citizens or Non-Citizen Nationals, or Permanent Residents
- All candidates must have primary appointment at a CTSC partner institution
- Must have the ability to devote 75% effort (50% for surgeons) to the program for up to 2 years
- No Scholar may have two concurrent CTSC awards
- No Scholar may be named on more than one active CTSC application
- Individuals who were, or currently are a Principal Investigator in NIH R01, R29, P01, K01, K08, K22 and K23 grant are not eligible

Review Criteria
Upon submission in ePAR, your application undergoes review based on several criteria.

Questions? Email: ctsc_scholars@med.cornell.edu
TO START YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS

GO TO "Notification of Intent to Submit an Application"

This will register your intent to submit an application. Shortly after submitting this form, you will be notified by email with information on how to proceed with your application using the Web-based electronic Protocol Authoring and Review (ePAR) system. When completing your application in ePAR, please refer to the checklist below.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST
ALL APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

APPLICATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS. MISSING OR INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION FOR REVIEW.

Checklist for Application Submission

A. Required Sections in ePAR – Complete all fields.

1. Trainee Application Form - Click on your current citizenship status to proceed.
   a. Personnel and demographic information.
   b. Click on [add] and fill in required information (be sure to repeat this process for each individual entry under each heading):
      • Mentors - Include all of the institutional information for your mentors
      • Click yes or no if you have been required to leave any college, graduate or professional school or ever been denied readmission because of deficiencies in either scholarship or conduct. If yes, please include an explanation in the requested area.
      • Test Scores – MCAT, GRE, and/or TOEFL, if applicable.

2. Percent Effort
   • Must have the ability to devote 75% effort (50% for surgeons) to the program for up to 2 years.
   • No effort funding greater than 25% (50% for surgeons) to support the candidate.

3. Resources Requested: Check off and fill in required information relevant to your study.

4. Biosketches: Upload individual PDF files for the applicant and mentors; note the new NIH Biosketch format is required.

B. Supporting Documents – Required Attachments
Upload as individual PDF files in the order indicated below.

1. Research Proposal
Limited to 5 single-spaced pages (at least ½ inch margins, no smaller than 11pt Arial font) to include:
   • Hypothesis and specific aims
   • Scientific background for the study, citing appropriate references of work in the area by the investigator(s) and others
   • Significance of the research (relating specific aims to future studies to be generated) and importance of funding to feasibility of the project
   • Research Plan (research team to be involved, experimental design, methods, statistics, timeline, human subjects and animal issues if applicable)
   • References and supporting tables, figures, 2-3 additional pages

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By May 2010, the applicant will be notified via email whether their proposal will be funded. At that time, if awarded the applicant must complete the 398 package as well as other required, regulatory, and compliance documents within 30 days (for a full list of post-award documents click here). Funding is contingent on submission of this information, failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Upon submission of this additional information, the CTSC will prepare an award agreement. Once the award agreement is signed by the appropriate institutional business official(s), WCMC Grants and Contracts will review and sign the agreement and notify the CTSC that funding can be released.

**Budget Notes**
- No funding from other sources can support this proposal
- Unallowable items include: 1) Capital or depreciable equipment over $2500 not allowed and 2) Computer hardware (laptops, desktops, etc)
- Only supplies of consumable nature that are directly related to the project are allowed
- Funding requests for travel and/or other supplies must be directly related to the project and clearly outlined in the budget justification

**For a fast start on spending your award funds:**
No expenditures related to human subjects or animals will be permitted until the CTSC is provided with a copy of the official IRB/IACUC letter of approval. Investigators are strongly encouraged to submit IRB and/or IACUC protocols early in order to avoid significant delays in project initiation. Applicants must also be current on institutional compliance regulations.