

## Translational Scientist Junior Faculty Scholar Awards 2022 Request for Applications and Application Instructions

The New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) is delighted to announce the third cycle of its **Translational Scientist Junior Faculty Award Program**, supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

We seek to identify junior faculty focused on research relevant to human health and to advance their academic careers by providing protected time, mentoring, training and research funding. The ultimate goal is to develop translational and clinical researchers with the tools and training to become independent researchers. It is anticipated that four scholars will be awarded.

KL2 funding provides 80 percent protected time\* for research; funds for research supplies; mentor expenses; tuition support; and professional travel. Importantly, it creates a community of junior faculty. The Society of Scholars provides a supportive, interdisciplinary environment for junior faculty to acquire the skills and experience needed to become successful, independent clinical and translational scientists. This is accomplished through coursework, mentored research and career development programs. Scholars can receive up to two years of support with sufficient progress. Successful candidates will receive KL2 appointments starting **July 1, 2023**.

*\*Applicable to Institution*

### Eligibility

Junior faculty\*\* at Rutgers, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Princeton University, who are committed to academic careers are eligible to apply if:

- US citizen or a permanent resident of the US.
- Have received a DDS, DMD, MD, MD/PhD, PharmD, PhD or foreign equivalent degree.
- Do not currently have or previously received a R01, R03, R21, R34, R36, P01, P50, U34, X02, or subproject, or a K01, K07, K08, K12, KL2, K22, K23, K25, K30, K76, K99/R00.
- Have a Departmental commitment as junior faculty.
- Research focused on clinical and translational questions.
- A mentor chosen from the Academy of Mentors (see list – pgs.9-12 on “Scholar Program Description”), or one that joins the Academy prior to application submission. For consideration to become a member of the Academy of Mentors send your Curriculum Vitae, NIH Biosketch including other support and List of Trainees/NIH-Table 8C to Tracey Sharp at Email: [kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu).

Underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply.

\*\*Scholars must be junior faculty members (Instructor or Assistant Professor) by the start date of award. Additionally, a candidate must have “no more than five years of postdoctoral research experience, and no more than ten years since receiving terminal doctoral degree.”

**For complete eligibility criteria, see Scholar Program Description.**

**Application Process:** Please submit:

- **Letter of Intent**  
Letter of Intent consists of no longer than one page outlining applicant’s career development objective, Primary mentor/Co-mentor(s), list of referees (including name, departmental affiliation and institution), and applicant’s biosketch in NIH format.
- **Full Application**  
Full application comprises: (1) Application Form; (2) 3 letters of reference submitted directly to the Program. Referees are required to send letters to the Program Administrator, Tracey Sharp at Email: [kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu) by the application deadline; and (3) a complete Proposal following the Instructions in the document entitled “Proposal Guidance and Requirements”. This includes: Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development (2 pages); Research Strategy (5 pages); Mentor Commitment and Plans; Department Chair Approval; Regulatory Approvals (as applicable); and NIH Biosketches (Include (1) candidate biosketch as well as (2) primary mentor biosketch including other support).

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** **October 3, 2022 at 5 p.m.** Email to: [kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu)

**Full Application Deadline:** **November 1, 2022 at 5 p.m.** for an award start date of July 1, 2023.

**Complete applications must be submitted as a single electronic PDF package** to: [kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu)

For more information, **contact Tracey Sharp** at Email: [kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:kl2njacts@rbhs.rutgers.edu)