Education and Training Opportunity
CICATS Pre-K Scholar Award Program
Request for Proposals

The Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) at the University of Connecticut is pleased to announce its second competition for its Pre-K Scholar Award Programs, mentored research career awards for junior faculty.

CICATS
CICATS was conceived in 2009 to focus on advancing innovative research across all disciplines through collaborative efforts. To fulfill its mission, CICATS has developed initiatives specifically related to health disparities; education, training and mentorship; and regenerative engineering. CICATS strives to increase the number of innovative clinical and translational research projects and move discoveries into the community quickly and effectively.

In partnership with the University of Connecticut, Connecticut state agencies, foundations and local and national community-based organizations, CICATS works to provide a regional and national platform to increase collaborations, encourage innovative research, and foster the translation of important scientific findings into treatments and best healthcare practices that will benefit the well-being of people.

CICATS Pre-K Scholar Award Program Overview
Created in 2013, the CICATS Pre-K Scholar Award Program is a 2-year interactive program designed to equip junior faculty with the knowledge and competencies to effectively apply for an NIH Research Career Development Award (K award) as well as become leaders in clinical and translational science. CICATS will award 30% protected time to promising junior faculty who are planning to apply for a K award as well as funding for travel to national conferences. The CICATS Pre-K Scholar Award Program curriculum assists faculty in writing a successful NIH K awards by focusing on finding mentorship, writing specific aims, developing research plan, determining career development needs, obtaining letters of support, institutional support, etc. (Open to all UConn Health/UConn with the rank of assistant professor. Faculty outside of UConn/UConn Health are eligible to apply, if and only if, their respective institution covers 30% of their protected time and related travel costs).

Pre-K Scholar Requirements
- Define and participate in a clinical or translational research project;
- Identify a multidisciplinary mentor team with extensive clinical or translational research experience where one of the members is willing to serve as the primary mentor;
- Commit to a two year program;
- Devote 30 percent of their full-time professional effort to the program; and
- Submit an NIH K award within the first year of the program.

Eligibility
- Must possess a doctoral-level degree in a health discipline that can be applied to clinical or translational research. These degrees include, but are not limited to MD, DO, DMD, DDS, DPH, PharmD, as well as PhDs in clinically relevant fields, such as biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, or nursing.
- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.
• Must be junior faculty committed to an academic career in clinical and translational research.
• May not simultaneously submit or have pending an application for any other PHS mentored career development award (e.g., K07, K08, K22 or K23).

Key Dates
Monday, February 22, 2016: Electronic Application Due
March – April 2016: Applications will undergo a rigorous peer review process
May 2016: Final selection of applicants by CICATS K Directors
July 1, 2016: Program start date

For additional information and to apply, visit http://cicats.uconn.edu/research-education-training-and-career-development/k-program-and-scholars/

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