KL2 Scholars Program in Mentored Translational Research

Scripps’ CTSA award supports mentored research in a career development post-doctoral program designed for young investigators to gain clinical and translational research experience as members of Scripps Research Translational Institute.

The KL2 Scholars Program, directed by Dr. Laura Nicholson, is designed to provide early-career postdoctoral (MD, PhD, MD/PhD, PharmD, or equivalent) candidates with a novel career development experience in a precision medicine-focused institute at the forefront of genomics, digital medicine, machine learning, and community-engaged research. We are funded by an NIH Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) – PI Dr. Eric Topol.

Program Features and Information

- Targeted mentorship for the transdisciplinary research skills required for successful translational research careers
- Team science approach to promote innovation and impact
- Commitment to increasing diversity in research studies and the research workforce
- Protected 75% time for scholarly work and research training
- $25,000 annually for research-related expenses
- Minimum two year appointments
- Translational science coursework among topics in trial design, grant preparation, biostatistics, human genomics, computational biology, and social science implications of research

Eligibility Criteria

- Doctorate (such as MD, PhD, MD/PhD, PharmD, or equivalent)
- US citizen or permanent resident

Application Components

- Cover Letter / Personal Statement (maximum 1 page)
- Proposed Research Plan (maximum 5 pages)
- Recent CV/Resume
- Literature Citations (if applicable)
- Letters of Support
- Current NIH Biosketch (optional)


About Scripps Research Translational Institute

Scripps Research Translational Institute promotes cutting-edge translational research in the areas of genomics, digital medicine, bioinformatics, data science, and community engaged research. We aim to replace the status-quo of one-size-fits-all-medicine with individualized health care. The Translational Institute is a member of the National Institutes of Health’s Clinical and Translational Science Awards consortium. [https://ncats.nih.gov/ctsa](https://ncats.nih.gov/ctsa)

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