**2022 Call for Expressions of Interest – NIH Administrative Supplements to Support KL2 Scholars in Selected Research Topics**

[**Submit your expression of interest**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements) **by May 30, 2022, 5 pm PT.**

The ITHS KL2 Career Development Program provides funding, mentoring, and training to prepare early career investigators in the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) region for independent research careers. Three institutes or centers (ICs) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are offering supplemental funding to directly support KL2 scholar positions in selected research areas. ITHS invites eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for these limited competition funding opportunities.

**Who should apply?**

Postdoctoral or early career faculty who are engaged in clinical or translational research at [ITHS partner and collaborating institutions](https://www.iths.org/about/partners/) may be eligible for NIH-funded KL2 Administrative Supplements. Additional eligibility requirements for the KL2 program are listed on pages 2-3 of this call. Open opportunities include (see linked notices of special interest for details):

* *National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)* – Basic, mechanistic, clinical, or observational research on a natural product or mind and body approach ([NOT-AT-20-010](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AT-20-010.html))
* *Office of the Director (OD) INvestigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndromE (INCLUDE) –* Basic research, cohort studies, and clinical trials related to co-occurring conditions associated with Down syndrome ([NOT-OD-21-001](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-001.html))
* *National Center for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)* – Dental, oral, and craniofacial research ([NOT-DE-22-001](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DE-22-001.html))

*Note:* Supplements provide funding for additional Scholar appointments on the ITHS KL2 award. If your research does not fall under the above topic areas, standard [ITHS KL2 Career Development Award applications](https://www.iths.org/education/post-doc/kl2/rfa/) will open in August 2022.

**What do KL2 supplements offer?**

If a supplement application is successful, the candidate will be appointed as an ITHS KL2 Scholar beginning in March 2023. Scholars participate in monthly interactive sessions with their peer cohort and receive mentorship to foster their transition to independent research careers. KL2 Scholars supported by IC-specific supplements also receive:

* Salary support for up to 3 years (up to $100,000 per year for NCCIH & NIDCR, up to $120,000 for INCLUDE)
* Up to $25,000 for research and professional development costs
* Up to $10,000 to cover KL2 research project costs incurred by scholar’s mentor(s)

Scholars are typically required to devote at least 75% full-time effort (9 months per year) to research and career development activities associated with their KL2 project. Candidates in selected clinical specialties may be able to participate at 50% full-time effort.

**How do candidates apply?**

Full applications must be submitted by ITHS to NIH as Administrative Supplements to our KL2 award.

**Interested candidates** should review the eligibility criteria and application requirements and then [**submit an EOI to ITHS**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements) **by May 30, 2022**, for priority consideration. The EOI form (p. 4) includes a short research project, brief statement of career goals, candidate biosketch, and names of mentor(s).

The ITHS KL2 team will review EOIs and select up to 2 candidates for each of the IC opportunities noted above. ITHS staff will notify candidates of selection decisions by mid-June.

Candidates selected to submit KL2 applications will work in collaboration with their mentors and ITHS faculty and staff to prepare the full supplement application for submission in September or October 2022 (dates determined by NIH IC and institutional deadlines). The full application includes Specific Aims (1 page) and a Program Plan (up to 12 pages) that includes significance, innovation, approach, career development plan, and mentor information. ITHS will provide complete project management, administrative, and budgeting support, as well as scientific review and editing.

Final, full applications will be submitted to NIH and reviewed by IC program staff. Administrative supplements are not sent out for peer review, and are reviewed more rapidly than standard NIH applications. We anticipate that NIH will notify ITHS of funding decisions by January 2023.

[**Application link**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements)

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| **Key Dates** | |
| EOI application to ITHS | May 30, 2022 |
| Notification of selection for full application | Mid-June 2022 |
| Development of full application with ITHS support | July – September/October 2022  (schedule based on NIH due dates) |
| Anticipated decision from NIH IC | November 2022 – January 2023 |
| Appointment start date | March 1, 2023 |

**Additional KL2 Eligibility Details**

* Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. Permanent residents must have a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (form I-551) or other verification of their legal status as a permanent resident at the time of application.
* If selected to submit a full application, the following candidates will need a department letter of support affirming that they will have an eligible faculty appointment at an ITHS partner or collaborating institution on or before March 1, 2023:
  + Candidates currently at the postdoctoral level
  + Candidates at an institution outside the WWAMI region
* Applicants must have completed their terminal degree prior to their appointment as a KL2 scholar. Specific degree requirements are:
  + For the NCCIH supplement, a doctoral, clinical complementary and integrative health degree (*e.g*.., DAOM, DC, DO, DPT, and/or ND).
  + For the INCLUDE supplement, standard KL2 requirements – a research or health-professional doctoral degree applicable to clinical research (*e.g.*, MD, PhD, DrPH, DO, DDS, DMD, OD, DC, PharmD, ND, PsyD).
  + For the NIDCR supplement, a doctoral dental degree (DDS, DMD or dual degree DDS/DMD and PhD or equivalent degrees).
* Applicants must commit a minimum of nine calendar months of full-time professional effort per year for career development and research activities associated with the program. Exceptions to the 75% effort requirement may be made for limited specialties (e.g., 50% effort for surgeons and other procedural-based specialties requiring greater clinical effort to maintain clinical skills such as ENT, Orthodontics).

Applicants **are ineligible** if:

* They have been in a tenure-track Assistant Professor position for more than 2 years at the time of application.
* They are simultaneously participating in clinical fellowships leading to clinical certification (with some exceptions, see [FAQ](https://www.iths.org/education/post-doc/kl2/rfa/)).
* They are simultaneously submitting or have pending an application for any NIH or other PHS mentored career development awards that duplicate any of the provisions of the KL2 program.
* They are a current or former principal investigator on any NIH research project grant or equivalent non-PHS peer reviewed research grants that are over $100,000 direct costs per year, or a project leader on sub-projects of program project (P01) or center grants (P50). Note: this exclusion does not apply to NIH Small Grants (R03) or Exploratory/ Developmental (R21) grants or their equivalents.
* Significant research activities for the project will take place outside of the United States.

**Questions?** [ithsnav@uw.edu](mailto:ithsnav@uw.edu)

**KL2 Supplement Application Form**

To be considered for a KL2 Supplement, complete the form below and upload as a .DOCX attachment to the online application form no later than 5 pm PT on May 30, 2022: <https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements>

Please complete all form fields below. If a text field is not applicable, list as “N/A”. Text in grey is provided for guidance and should be deleted when you enter relevant data. EOI text on preceding pages may be deleted.

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| **Candidate information** | |
| Full name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Degrees |  |
| KL2 supplement opportunity (select from dropdown) |  |
| Institution / Organization |  |
| Academic Appointment / Title or Position |  |
| Are you a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident? |  |
| Do you meet other eligibility criteria listed on pages 2-3? |  |
| Have you served as principal investigator on an NIH grant? |  |
| Current or prior NIH funding | If yes to previous question, list award number and project start/end dates. |
| Do you have a pending application for an NIH or other PHS mentored career development award? |  |
| Are you currently on a training grant or fellowship? |  |
| Current training/fellowship funding source(s) | If yes to previous question, provide award number and fellowship start/end dates. |
| **Proposed KL2 Research Project** | |
| Title for proposed research project [200 characters max] |  |
| Project abstract or description [3000 characters max] |  |
| Mentor team [list up to 3 mentors – names, degrees, department/institute] | 1.  2.  3. |
| Scientific career plan/goals [Up to 500 characters] |  |
| NIH Biosketch | Please append a draft of your NIH biosketch (not to exceed 5 pages) to the end of this application form. |