**2023 Expression of Interest for Postdocs/Early Career Investigators – NIH INCLUDE Administrative Supplements**

**Expression of Interest Priority Deadline: March 1, 2023**

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. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are offering supplemental funding to directly support additional KL2 Scholars to study conditions that co-occur with Down syndrome. ITHS invites eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for this limited competition funding opportunity.

**Who should apply?**

Postdoctoral or early career faculty who are engaged in clinical or translational research at an organization in WWAMI may be eligible. If your organization is not listed under [ITHS partner and collaborating institutions](https://www.iths.org/about/partners/), please contact us to confirm eligibility. Additional requirements for the KL2 program are listed below.

The ***IN****vestigation of* ***C****o-occurring conditions across the* ***L****ifespan to* ***U****nderstand* ***D****own syndrom****E*** *(INCLUDE)* initiative funds basic research, cohort studies, and clinical trials related to co-occurring conditions associated with Down syndrome. See [NOT-OD-22-192](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-192.html) for more information.

*Note:* This funding mechanism allows us to apply for additional Scholar appointments on the ITHS KL2 award. If your research does not match the topic areas listed in the notice, standard [ITHS KL2 Career Development Award applications](https://www.iths.org/education/post-doc/kl2/rfa/) will open in August 2023.

**What do KL2 supplements offer?**

If a supplement application is successful, the candidate will be appointed as an ITHS KL2 Scholar beginning in March 2024. 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 this supplement also receive:

* Salary support (up to $120,000 per year) and fringe benefits for up to 3 years
* $10,000 to $30,000 for research, tuition, travel, professional development costs, and statistical services including personnel and computer time
* Up to $10,000 to cover KL2 research project costs incurred by scholar’s mentor

Total amount budgeted per scholar must not exceed $180,000 in direct costs/year, and indirect costs are limited to 8% of total direct costs.

Scholars must typically devote at least 75% full-time effort (9 months per year) to research and career development activities associated with their KL2 project. Exceptions are allowed for selected clinical specialties.

**How do candidates apply?**

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

Interested candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and application requirements and then [**submit an EOI to ITHS**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements) **via the link below**. 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 inform candidates if they have been selected in March 2023.

Candidates selected to submit applications will work in collaboration with their mentors and ITHS faculty and staff to prepare the full supplement application for submission in late June 2023 (with an NIH due date of 7/3/2023). The full application includes Specific Aims (1 page) and a Program Plan (up to 12 pages) that includes a research plan, career development plan, mentoring faculty and data management sections. 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 NIH program staff. We anticipate that NIH will notify ITHS of funding decisions in Autumn/Winter 2023.

[**Submit Application**](https://redcap.link/g8mzchln)

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| **Key Dates** | |
| EOI application to ITHS | INCLUDE supplement – February 20th, 2023 |
| Notification of selection for full application | Early March |
| Development of full application with ITHS support | March through June |
| Appointment start date | March 1, 2024 |

**Additional KL2 Eligibility Details**

* **Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents** at the time of application.
* With either a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (form I-551)
* Or other verification of legal status as a permanent resident.
* 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, 2024:
  + 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 in research or health-professional doctoral degrees applicable to clinical research (*e.g.*, MD, PhD, DrPH, DO, DDS, DMD, OD, DC, PharmD, ND, PsyD).
* 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 March 1, 2023: <https://redcap.link/g8mzchln>

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 |  |
| 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(s) 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 of 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 and long-term research goals [Up to 1000 characters] |  |
| NIH Biosketch | Please append a draft of your NIH biosketch (not to exceed 5 pages) to the end of this application form. |