



UCLA CTSI K Scholars Society **Cohort 2026-2028**

Registration deadline: July 6, 2026

Program dates: July 2026 to June 2028

The **K Scholars Society**, managed by the UCLA CTSI's KL2 Program, supports the career development of early stage investigators building careers in [clinical and translational research](#).

ELIGIBILITY

- Have an appointment at one of the UCLA CTSI institutions (Cedars-Sinai, CDU, Harbor-UCLA/Lundquist Institute, and UCLA).
- Be the principal investigator of one of the options below. You will be asked to supply grant information and the first page of your notice of award on the registration form.
 1. Current NIH K or equivalent other federal (e.g. DOD) or foundation (e.g. AHA, Doris Duke) career development award or VA award
 2. First NIH R01 grant or equivalent in the first 2 years of funding.
- Commit to participate in the two-year curriculum as described below.
- If you are currently in the K Scholars Society, you do not need to re-register.

TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

These monthly meetings generally take place via Zoom on the **3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 pm unless otherwise noted**. 2026-2027 dates include 7/21/26, 8/18/26, 9/15/26, 10/20/26, 11/17/26, 12/15/26, 1/19/27, 2/16/27, 3/16/27, 4/20/27, 5/18/27, and 6/15/27.

- **Monthly Didactic Seminars (1-1.5 hrs):** grant writing, communication, storytelling, presentation skills, team science, career strategy, entrepreneurship, mentorship, and leadership trainings.
- **Priority for Grant Writing Studios:** These are individually tailored to each scholar for longitudinal mentoring on NIH K and R grant submissions. Studios are comprised of a panel of 3-4 mentors (scientific, career and statistics) with expertise in K and/or R grant development. The panel meets with the scholar 2-3 times from the concept phase to final product. The scholar will then participate in a mock study section for a final review of the draft grant application.
- **NIH Mock Study Section.** Scholars will have the opportunity to submit final drafts of their NIH grant applications for grantsmanship review by senior faculty and peer reviewers. These are designed to simulate an actual NIH study section and scholars are required to serve as reviewers and/or chair of the mock study section.
- Ad hoc sessions are also scheduled as needed.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

- Professional grant writer consultations
- Scientific networking
- Foster and nurture multidisciplinary collaborations

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JULY 6, 2026. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

RESOURCES

- Watch videos of presentations from previous grant writing workshops: <https://uclahs.fyi/49NyUnk>
- Request access to the UCLA CTSI Grant Library of funded NIH Grant applications at: <https://ctsi.ucla.edu/sample>
- CTSI Grants Submission Unit: <https://ctsi.ucla.edu/gsu>
- CTSI Services: <https://ctsi.ucla.edu/overview/request-a-service>
- UCLA Office of Physician Scientist Career Development (OPSCD): <https://medschool.ucla.edu/research/training-career-development/physician-scientists>

If you have questions, please email CTSIWD@mednet.ucla.edu.