

FAQs : Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research (KURe) Career Development Program

(NOTE: This Sheet should not be considered authoritative, it includes some relevant items from the RFA but is not all inclusive. Applicant must adhere to all requirements as written in the below referenced RFA).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RFA?:

The purpose of this Institutional Mentored Urological Research Career Development Program is to assist MDs, PhDs, and MD/PhDs interested in urological research related to the mission of the NIDDK (<http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Research/ScientificAreas/Urology/>) to develop the skills necessary to initiate and sustain an independent research career.

It is hoped that this program will be able to develop a self-sustaining multidisciplinary training environment that will perpetuate a cadre of physician scientists and PhD scientists who will be committed to careers in all aspects of urologic research.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the review criteria listed in the RFA when they are designing their program. These criteria are going to be used by the review committee to evaluate the merit of the applications submitted in response to this RFA.

WHERE CAN I FIND THIS RFA?:

The KURe RFA is DK-07-006 and can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-07-006.html>

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A KURe PROGRAM?

- Program Description
- Mentored Research Experiences
- Pilot Projects
- Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Evaluation and Tracking
- Advisory Committee
- Environment
- Institutional Commitment
- Recruitment Plan
- Programmatic Interactions

It is important to keep in mind that the KURE Program is intended to provide cross-disciplinary training. The program should not be housed within a single discipline, division or department exclusively. Successful programs should involve PhD and MD and MD/PhD trainees to the extent that such a mix is possible at the applicant institution.

CAN A PROGRAM DIRECTOR REQUEST SALARY?

A program director for the KURE program can request salary for up to 10% effort (1.2 person months) on their application. However, this request must only reflect support for administrative duties associated with the K12, not for mentoring activities.

Effort may also be requested without salary to demonstrate degree of personal and/or institutional commitment to the program.

WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN EVALUATION PLAN?

The application must include a plan for program evaluation. This plan should provide the ability to collect feedback and to evaluate:

- recruitment and retention goals – what are these goals? How will the program know if the goals have been met? How will adjustments be made during the program if the goals are not met?
- the curriculum and program staff
- mentoring – how will mentors be evaluated? How will problems be addressed?
- pilot projects
- appointee completion success – define success and describe how to assess it
- overall outcome of the program beyond the five-year mark There should be a system for tracking graduates throughout their career to determine the success rate of applying for and obtaining Federal and non-Federal research grant support.

Applicants are encouraged to: set benchmarks for the goals of their institutional programs in advance; provide a brief summary of the research opportunities available and course work to be offered to scholars; and provide a summary of the research degrees earned and relationship with career research goals.

WHO MAY APPLY?:

Eligible Applicant Institutions:

- Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education
- Private Institution of Higher Education
- Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)
- For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business)
- State Government
- U.S. Territory or Possession
- Hispanic-serving Institution
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)

- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions

Program Director/Principal Investigator: The K12 Program Director must be an established researcher in the area of NIDDK-supported urological research who can provide administrative, educational, and scientific leadership to the Program. This requirement does not mean that the PI has to be supported solely by grants from the NIDDK; it means that the PI's research interests should be compatible with the NIDDK mission. More information about NIDDK interests can be found at <http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Research/ScientificAreas/Urology/>.

Because this is an institutional program, the mentors and scholars should not apply directly via this RFA. Only the Program Director/PI should submit the application. The application should name the potential participants and provide supporting documentation (as requested in the RFA) in the appropriate sections of the application.

KEY RFA DATES:

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: February 19, 2008

Application Receipt Date: March 18, 2008

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: September 30, 2008

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