

INTRODUCTION TO K2R PROGRAM

The K2R career development program designed to create a community of early career faculty who work together to create high-impact translational science research proposals. The program works to set FSU investigators on a path to independence. Within the K2R program, we house the NIH-funded K12 Career Development Program to support highly promising early career investigators.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

All About Funding is an annual 8-module lecture series to educate Assistant Professors and early career scholars about the NIH grants process. Sessions occur virtually, and registration is required. K12 and CTSA Scholars are required to complete this series.

TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY

The collaborative UF and FSU Translational Science Academy (TSA) is a year long seminar series that covers an array of topics. Each session tackles at least one of the eight translational science principles. K12 and CTSA Scholars are required to attend the TSA.

K12 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The K12 Award funds highly meritorious faculty scholars for 2 years for research and career development. K12 Scholars receive 75% of protected time and ~\$23,000 annually in discretionary funds from NIH. CTSA Scholars receive similar benefits but are funded by a FSU College of the Provost.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Annually, the K2R Program collaborates with the College of Medicine's CTBScience to bring K scholars a comprehensive overview on research project management. Sara Green, MSW and Brenda Echeverri, MS typically facilitate this workshop, providing real-world examples for learning.

K MOCK STUDY SECTION

For faculty writing K applications, the program offers Mock Study Sections to provide applicants with personalized feedback on their proposal from senior NIH-funded researchers at FSU and UF. The Mock Study Section accepts applicants through request and requires 4 weeks of lead time to return reviews.

OTHER PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Community Engagement Workshops; Individual Mentoring with the K2R Director, Emerging Scholar Listserv, Mid-Career Scholar Listserv, Website Resources, Mentor Academy

2025-2027 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDEES



Zhaotong Lin, PhD
 Year 1 CTSA Scholar
 Department of Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences
 Primary Mentor: Dr. Zhe He
 Project Title: *Advancing Cell-Type-Specific Transcriptome-Wide Association Studies for Alzheimer's Disease*



Sladjana Lukic, PhD
 Year 1 NIH K12 Scholar
 Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Communication and Information
 Primary Mentor: Dr. Kaitlin Lansford
 Project Title: *Neurolinguistic Investigations of Aphasia and Typical Language Processing*



Andrea Lobene, PhD, RD
 Year 1 CTSA Scholar
 Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Sciences, Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
 Primary Mentor: Dr. Robert Hickner
 Project Title: *Exploring the Interactive Effects of Sodium and Potassium Intake on Vascular Health in Older Adults*



Kyle Smith, PhD, RD
 Year 2 CTSA Scholar
 Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Sciences, Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
 Primary Mentor: Dr. Robert Hickner
 Project Title: *Evaluating a Time-Efficient Breathing Intervention to Improve Immune Function and Psychological Well-Being in Individuals Living With Obesity*