



CCTS K Award FAQs

1. *Do applicants have to be Assistant Professors to apply?*

No; postdocs, instructors, etc. can apply as long as they have a letter of support from their Department chair attesting to the fact that they **will be appointed as an Assistant Professor by May 1, 2027 should they receive the K award**. Likewise, Associate Professors who are close to the end of their “Early Stage Investigator” designation should clearly elucidate why the mentored career development award is appropriate for them at their current career stage.

2. *If invited to submit a full application, can a research assistant’s time be included in the budget?*

Yes; that would be a part of the annual \$30,000 Training Related Expenses.

3. *Are the required elements (seminars, etc.) of the K12 Award available via teleconference?*

Most are; there are 3 meetings annually that are in-person only: The ACTS meeting (happens in April in either Washington, DC or a city further west (rotates; has happened in Chicago, Las Vegas, and Milwaukee)); the CCTS Symposium (happens in October in Gulf Shores, AL; and the CCTS Summer Jamboree (happens in July in Birmingham, AL).

4. *Where can I upload my Pre-Application materials?*

On the K12 Award webpage: <https://www.uab.edu/ccts/k12>

5. *Can co-mentors be from outside the CCTS Partner Network?*

Yes; it is critical that a mentorship plan explains how the mentor/mentee relationship will succeed, especially if scholar and mentor are located at different institutions (i.e., how often they will meet and by what means).

6. *Do applicants have to be US citizens?*

Applicants must be either US citizens, permanent residents, or citizen nationals (this applies to small number of people from US territories like American Samoa or Swains Island). If permanent residents, a notarized copy of the permanent resident card (“Green card”) will be required if selected for the award.

7. *Can I have an extramural K or R award submitted/under review by the NIH while under consideration for the K12 award?*

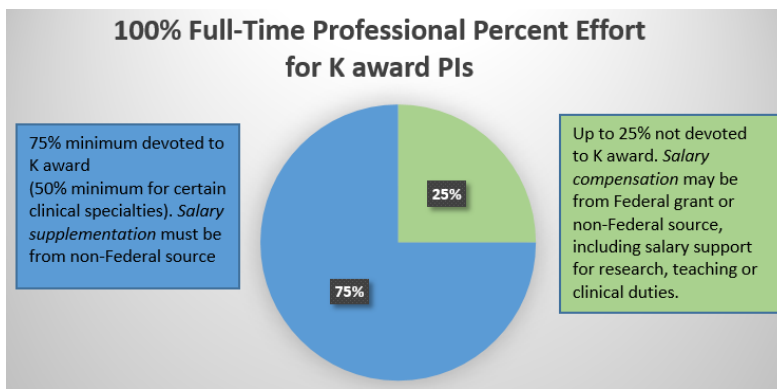
No; this is not allowed. K12 applicants should not concurrently submit extramural K or R series awards for the October NIH submission dates if they want to be considered for the K12 award. If you have submitted a K or R application to NIH for previous cycles, you can be considered for the K12 award if you will have scores and a funding decision by early Spring 2027. The due dates for the K12 have been changed so that if you’re not selected for the K12, you will know in time to submit to NIH for the February 2027 due dates.

8. *Can I propose a clinical trial for my K12 project?*

No, clinical trials are not allowed.

9. *Is any other federal support (i.e., roles such as Co-I or PI on smaller awards) allowed for K12 scholars?*

Yes; see the following breakdown:



10. *Whom should I contact with questions?*

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