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

   No; postdocs 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 should they receive the KL2 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 $25,000 Training Related Expenses.

3. **Are the required elements (seminars, etc.) of the KL2 available via teleconference?**

   Yes

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

   On the KL2 webpage: [www.uab.edu/ccts/kl2](http://www.uab.edu/ccts/kl2)

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

7. **Is any other federal support (i.e., roles such as Co-I or PI on smaller awards) allowed for KL2 scholars?**

   Yes; see the following breakdown:

   ![100% Full-Time Professional Percent Effort for K award PIs](image)

   - **75% minimum devoted to K award** (50% minimum for certain clinical specialties). **Salary supplementation** must be from non-Federal source.
   - **Up to 25%** not devoted to K award. **Salary compensation** may be from Federal grant or non-Federal source, including salary support for research, teaching or clinical duties.

8. **Whom should I contact with questions?**

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