

UC San Diego ACTRI Invites Applications for K12 Training Support

The UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) is pleased to announce the 2026 call for applications for the K12 Mentored Career Development Award!

The ACTRI K12 award is a Mentored Career Development Award that provides up to \$115,000 toward salary, plus benefits, along with \$10,000 per year in research or travel funds to scientific meetings and research training workshops. Successful applicants will receive up to 3 years of support pending good progress.

The K12 grant mechanism is an institutional equivalent of a K23, K01 or K08 award for early-career faculty. The K12 provides didactic opportunities through ACTRI's Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST) program, career development and grant writing training, and mentored research experience. Alumni from the K program have been highly successful in obtaining independent funding (e.g. R01 awards) and/or transitioning to other K awards.

The K12 program is actively seeking applications from broad scientific backgrounds, including but not limited to engineering, computational sciences, biomedical sciences, public health, and others. We welcome applications beyond UCSD from [ACTRI partner research institutions](#).

Eligibility Criteria:

- Instructors or assistant professors in any academic series
- Fellows or postdoctoral researchers who will have completed their training and have a faculty appointment by the time of receipt of award
- Appointed at UC San Diego or ACTRI Partner Research Institutions
- Five years or fewer post-completion of a post-doctoral fellowship
- Candidates must have a letter of support from their departmental/division chair to apply
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Individuals who have already received a K grant, R01, or R01-equivalent grant are not eligible.

Awardees must commit to 75% research effort and the awardees' home department must commit to honoring this 75% research effort as documented in the Chair's letter. Practicing clinicians in certain procedurally-oriented fields, such as surgery, may be eligible to commit 50% research effort. Please contact us for more information about this exception for procedurally-oriented fields.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 21, 2025 at 11:59 P.M. PST

After the competitive review process, our goal is to notify applicants in February 2026. Successful applicants will then undergo a secondary regulatory review process through the K12 Program's parent funder NCATS (similar to the Just-In-Time process for NIH Grants). The total amounts awarded in salary, research funds, and travel may be prorated based on the official award start date.

For detailed information about the program, eligibility and the application process,

please visit: <https://actri.ucsd.edu/resources/funding-opportunities-support/k12-program/index.html>

For questions or to schedule a meeting with the program directors, please email **ACTRI-Education@health.ucsd.edu** And copy **Drs. Colin Depp, PhD**, and **Adriana Tremoulet, MD**: cdepp@health.ucsd.edu; atremoulet@health.ucsd.edu