The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Career Development Programs in Diabetes Research for Pediatric Endocrinologists (K12) (RFA-DK-15-006) is 6/15/15. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose:** To foster the development of a diverse and highly trained workforce of pediatric endocrinologists to assume leadership roles related to the Nation’s biomedical and behavioral research efforts in the area of pediatric diabetes. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for institutional career development programs in diabetes research for pediatric endocrinologists. The NIDDK will award physician scientist career development program (K12) grants to eligible institutions to provide a program to prepare pediatricians, selected by the institution, for careers in pediatric endocrinology research related to diabetes.

- **Eligibility:**
  - **Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator):**
  - **Number of Applications:** Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number or NIH IPF number) is allowed. The NIH will not accept duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time. This means that the NIH will not accept:
    - A new (A0) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of an overlapping new (A0) or resubmission (A1) application.
    - A resubmission (A1) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of the previous new (A0) application.
    - An application that has substantial overlap with another application pending appeal of initial peer review (see [NOT-OD-11-101](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-11-101.html)).
  - **Preceptors/Mentors:** Program faculty should have strong records as researchers, including recent publications and successful competition for research support in the area of the proposed career development program. Program faculty should also have a record of research training, including successful, former trainees/scholars who have established productive careers relevant to the NIH mission. Researchers from diverse backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and women are encouraged to participate as mentors.

The mentors should be recognized as accomplished investigators in the proposed research area, which should be directly relevant to diabetes, and have a track record of success in training and mentoring individuals who are now independent investigators in diabetes. The
mentors should have sufficient independent research support to cover the costs of the proposed research projects in excess of the allowable costs of this award.

- **Participants/Scholars:** Scholars to be supported by the institutional career development program must be at the career level for which the planned program is intended. Scholars are expected to devote a minimum of 9 person-months (75% of full-time professional effort) during the appointment on the K12 award.

Details on citizenship requirements are available in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/pa-046.html).

Scholars appointed to the K12 program must have the opportunity to carry out supervised basic or clinical biomedical or behavioral research relevant to diabetes with the primary objective of developing or extending their research skills and knowledge in preparation for an independent research career in pediatric diabetes.

Scholars appointed to the K12 career development program must 1) have full-time appointments at the grantee institution, and 2) be physician scientists who have completed their pediatric endocrinology fellowship training. NIDDK anticipates that all physician scientist scholars appointed to the K12 career development program will be either board-certified or board eligible. The scholars may spend up to three years in the K12 career development program, but are strongly encouraged to apply for either an individual Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08; [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/announcements/K08-CLINICAL-SCIENTIST-PA44.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/announcements/K08-CLINICAL-SCIENTIST-PA44.html)) or an individual Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23; [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/announcements/K23-CLINICAL-SCIENTIST-PA44.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/announcements/K23-CLINICAL-SCIENTIST-PA44.html)) after 1-2 years of support through the K12 program. Through NIDDK, the physician scientist scholars may receive up to a total of 6 years of combined support through K12/KL2 and K08/K23 grant mechanisms.

At the time of initial K12 appointment, scholars may have no more than six years of research or research training experience beyond their last doctoral degree. Time spent in clinical training is not considered postdoctoral research training. Mid-career and senior faculty are not eligible to be appointed as scholars.

Individuals who are or were PD/PIs on NIH Small Research Grants (i.e., R03s) or Exploratory/Developmental Research Grants (i.e., R21s) are eligible for K12 support providing they do not have more than 6 years of postdoctoral research experience and not more than 10 years has elapsed since the granting of the terminal doctoral degree as described above. However, individuals who are or were PDs/PIs on NIH research projects grants (R01), sub-projects of program projects (P01) or Center grants (P50) or the equivalent are not eligible for appointment under this K12 program. Individuals who have been previously supported by NIH or non-NIH career development awards are not eligible. Scholars may not concurrently hold any other PHS award that duplicates the provisions of this award.

- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards:** NIDDK intends to commit approximately $2.5 million in support of 4-5 awards in FY 2016. Although the financial plans of the NIDDK provide full support for the first two years of this program, awards pursuant to this FOA, particularly in years 3 to 5 of the awards, are contingent upon the availability of funds.

- **Budget & Project Period:** Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The maximum project period is five (5) years.
**Application Details:** Since the University of Miami may only submit one (1) proposal, this opportunity is a limited submission competition. An expert panel will internally review our candidates to determine which application will be submitted for competition by the NIDDK deadline on December 02, 2015.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper (formerly Del Rio) at klamper@miami.edu by 6/15/15:

- Title of Proposal
- Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
- List of Senior/Key Personnel and their Role(s) on the Project
- A brief summary of your project (no more than five pages), addressing the following:
  1. **Project Summary/Abstract:** Provide an abstract of the entire application. Include the objectives, rationale and design of the research career development program, as well as key activities in the training plan. Indicate the planned duration of appointments, the projected number of scholars including their levels (i.e., postdoctoral, junior faculty), and intended scholar outcomes.
  2. **Program Plan:**
     a. Program Administration
     b. Program Faculty
     c. Proposed Career Development
     d. Scholar Candidates

Please be cognizant that requested information above is required for the reviewers to make an informed decision/ranking regarding your research proposal for consideration as an internal award applicant. Failure to address each numbered sub-heading above can impact the ranking of your proposal.

**Note:** Biostatistical considerations in the design and analysis of proposed investigations are critical to the procurement of funding and quality of research. The Biostatistics Collaboration and Consulting Core (BCCC), as part of the Research Design and Biostatistics Component of the Miami CTSI, is available to provide support for grant proposal development. This support may be funded by service credits awarded by the Research Design and Biostatistics Component of the Miami CTSI. For more information, please contact Maria Jimenez-Rodriguez at mjrodriguez@biostat.med.miami.edu.

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