



National NIH K12

“Diabetes-Docs: Physician-Scientist Career Development Program” (DiabDocs)

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT LETTERS OF INTENT DUE NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The [DiabDocs](#) program is now soliciting a fourth cycle of letters of intent for applications for our mentored career development program from early career physician scientists engaged in research **relevant to diabetes and within the scope of NIDDK** including basic, translational, clinical, epidemiology/biostatistical, informatics, health services or health policy projects. Most funded scholars will focus on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research, and limited slots are available for persons working in type 2 diabetes (T2D). Awards provide a diverse group of promising investigators the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive settings at their home institutions to create the research foundation to compete successfully for NIH K08/23 or similar Career Development Awards.

Successful applicants will be early career faculty with experience and training in relevant areas who have demonstrated skills and potential in research and articulate a strong commitment to an academic research career. The full application (due **January 13, 2025**) must outline a clear research project, well-formulated career development plan including mentorship from an experienced scientific mentor, and strong departmental support, including specified protected time for research.

Persons invited to submit full applications will also be invited to a full-day in-person program retreat **in Baltimore, MD between March 5-6, 2025**, that will include interviews. Full applications will then be reviewed by the DiabDocs Scientific Review Committee in a study section for funding anticipated **July 1, 2025**.

At the time of submission of the full applications, persons will be required to provide a formal letter of support, from their Department Chair at current institution, which must include a statement of assurance of 75% protected time for K12 activity + a statement of how the other 25% FTE is allocated. The letter must also describe the department's commitment to the long-term career development of the candidate to become an independent research scientist + provide a statement with the institution's guarantee of a minimum of 50% protected time for 18 months of research after the end of the 3 years of K12 funding, sufficient for the scholar to submit an initial application for a K08 or K23 award and, if needed, to revise and resubmit.

Applicants must be US Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents within the first five years of a faculty appointment as an Instructor or Assistant Professor (or equivalent) at the time of award (July 1, 2025) and able to commit a minimum of 75 percent of full-time professional effort to conducting research and training activities associated with the program (Note: those in surgical specialties must commit 50 percent).

Letters of Intent (LOI) due November 12, 2024, must be submitted through the REDCap form link and include:

- Demographic and contact information and LOI materials: <https://redcap.link/x7upmzv7>
- One-page statement of intent to apply
- One-page preliminary specific aims for the proposed research project
- [NIH-format Bio sketches](#) from the candidate and proposed mentor(s)
- Proof of US citizenship or lawful permanent resident status (copy of passport/green card)

Interested candidates should apply by submitting the above materials via the REDCap survey link <https://redcap.link/x7upmzv7>. To send in any questions/inquiries, please email:

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