



National NIH K12 'DiabDocs' FOA Statement

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.

Scholars must be citizens or noncitizen nationals of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of appointment. Additional details on citizenship requirements are available in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

Additional Information Relating to Scholars

Scholars appointed to the K12 career development program must 1) have full-time appointments at the grantee institution, 2) be physician scientists who have completed their adult or pediatric endocrinology fellowship training, or other specialty if justified for diabetes research, 3) are either board-certified or board eligible, and 4) intend to continue in a dual research/clinical career, supported by an individual career-development or research award that they obtain as PD/PI. 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) or an individual Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23) 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. It is expected that most Scholars will receive 2 years of support on the K12.

At the time of initial K12 appointment, Scholars must 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. Scholars must have [Early Stage Investigator status](#) through the duration of their term as Scholar. 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. However, individuals who are or were PDs/PIs on NIH research projects grants (R01), Project Leads 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 (such as mentored career training awards identical or equivalent to the K01, K08, K23, or K99). Scholars must not concurrently hold any other PHS award that duplicates the provisions of this award.