

**Cincinnati Children's Child Health Research Career Development Award**  
***Call for Scholar Applications***

The **CHRCDA** is a K12 award sponsored by The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This program is a mentored institutional career development program for fellows and new investigators who have recently completed postgraduate clinical training in Pediatrics, and are committed to launching an independent research career. This program provides a dedicated 2-year period of career development that includes didactic coursework and mentored research training with 75% protected research time. The basics of the program are available on the NICHD website at <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/research/supported/chrda#overview>; and the specifics of the RFA are at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-18-011.html>.

**Research Topics Supported:**

This program supports research career development for pediatricians ***who are commencing basic or translational science research relevant to the field of pediatrics.***

**PI Eligibility requirements:**

*At the time of award, CHRCDA Scholars must:*

- Devote a minimum effort of 9 person-months (equivalent to 75% effort) during the appointment of the K12 award
- Be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence
- Be a pediatrician holding the M.D. degree
- Have completed postgraduate residency training in Pediatrics
- Be no more than 4 years after attaining board eligibility in their subspecialty
- Identify an approved mentor or mentors with extensive research experience
- Not be or have been a PD/PI on an R01, R29, U01/U10, subproject of a Program Project (P01), Center (P50, P60, U54) grant, or individual mentored or non-mentored career development award (e.g., K01, K02, K08, K22, K23, K24, K25, K99). Individuals who are or were PD/PIs on NIH Small Grants (i.e., R03s) or Exploratory/Developmental Grants (i.e., R21s) may be eligible providing they meet the other eligibility requirements. Individuals who received Pediatric Scientist Development Program (PSDP) K-12 funds are eligible for this program, subject to the 6-year limitation on mentored K support.
- Have written approval and support from their Division Chief: Clinician scientists must provide documentation of approval from their Division Chief for release from clinical time, thus demonstrating capacity to spend 75% effort on this award.

**Application Guidelines:**

The guidelines for the K12 Atlanta Pediatric Scholars Program Grant application are:

- 1) **PI Effort:** Applicants must dedicate 75% of their professional effort towards research activities associated with this award during the time of the award.
- 2) **Budget:**
  - a. Total budget not to exceed \$125,000 annually. \$100,000 is applied toward salary and fringe benefits, while \$25,000 is available for research and career development costs.
- 3) **Duration:**
  - a. Funding will be for a two-year period, contingent on the demonstration of satisfactory progress during the first year as assessed by the formal K12 review committee.

- b. An annual progress report is due on August 1<sup>st</sup> during each year of the award.
- 4) **Mentor:**
  - a. Candidates must name a primary sponsor/mentor, who together with the candidate is responsible for the planning, direction, and execution of the program.
  - b. The mentor should be recognized as an accomplished investigator in the proposed area of research and have a track record of success in extramural funding and in training similar investigators.
  - c. There should be evidence that the mentor has an interest and commitment towards the scholar. Examples include but are not limited to shared space arrangements, previous monetary support & co-authored publications.
  - d. A co-mentor and other collaborators can be named, but are not mandatory.
- 5) **Plans for Extramural Funding:** K12 Scholars are required to apply for independent research grant support (e.g., R01, R21, R03) during the first or second year of this award, and therefore, applicants must communicate their plans to submit an NIH or equivalent independent extramural grant application by the end of the first year (12 months) of K12 program funding. This can either be a resubmission of a previously reviewed but unfunded application or a new application.
- 6) **Institutional Support:** The Division Director or Departmental chairman of each applicant for this K12 grant will be specifically involved in approving the K12 grant application, confirming 75% research time for the applicant, and ensuring that the extramural grant application is submitted as proposed in the K12 grant application.
- 7) **Deadline:** The deadline for submitting the CHRCEA application is by 5pm on **October 1, 2020**. Please **submit your complete application electronically** (as a PDF or a WORD file) to Jodi Beavin at [jodi.beavin@cchmc.org](mailto:jodi.beavin@cchmc.org). An e-mail confirming receipt of your application will be sent upon submission.

#### **Application Requirements:**

- a) A **cover page/letter** with the title of the application, the applicant's name, department and division, address, and the names and application dates of the extramural agency to which the extramural application will be made. The cover page will serve as the institutional commitment to candidate's research career development and must be signed by the applicant, the applicant's mentor(s) and the applicant's division director indicating institutional support for the application and acceptance of the terms of the grant.
- b) **Biosketches** (4 pages maximum each) – from the PI and mentor(s) following the current NIH format
- c) **Budget and budget justification**
  - a. Total budget not to exceed \$125,000 for 1 year of support broken down into the following 2 categories:
    - i. \$100,000 allocated to support the Scholar's 75% effort as budgeted towards salary and fringe benefit costs
    - ii. \$25,000 to support the individual research and career development activities of the Scholar indicating amounts for named personnel, supplies, travel, and other categories.
  - a. Salary and fringe exceeding the allowed budget must be cost shared from internal funding sources.
  - b. Salary support for the mentor is not permitted
  - c. The budget justification should state that the proposed mentor has sufficient independent support to cover the costs of the proposed project in excess of the allowable budget of this award.

d) **Other supporting documentation including:**

- Project Abstract (**limit 1 page**)
- The **Specific Aims** of the proposed research (**limit 1 page**)
- A combined **Candidate Information Section** and **Research Strategy Section** (limit 5 pages). The candidate information section should describe the candidate's background, career goals and objectives, and proposed career development/training activities during the award period. The **research strategy** section should include **Significance, Innovation and Approach** of the proposed research (references not included in the page limitation).
- Applications are due October 15, 2020, sent to [Jodi.beavin@cchmc.org](mailto:Jodi.beavin@cchmc.org).
- Inquiries before applying are welcome, and should be sent to [paul.spearman@cchmc.org](mailto:paul.spearman@cchmc.org)

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