

# Conquering K Awards: A Path to Success

**Conquering K Awards: A Path to Success** is an online workshop encompassing two half day sessions that combine didactic, interactive and discussion components to help postdoctoral fellows, physician-scientist trainees and fellows position their NIH Career Development (K) Award applications for success. Career Development Awards—or K grants—from the NIH are designed to promote and support the individual toward an independent research career. Both the science *and* the applicant are evaluated closely during the review process. This training is designed to help you identify key elements you must have to submit a competitive application.

## Session A: Setting Up Your K Application for Success (Anyone can attend this overview session). REGISTER [HERE](#)

December 2, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Didactic and discussion surrounding the key elements you need to develop your application to the NIH's Career Development (K) Award program, including:

- A comprehensive introduction to the K Grants Program: What to apply for, when to apply
- K Award merit review: Understanding the who, what, why, and how enables you to frame your application
- Principles of great K applications
- How to sell yourself and your science as a K applicant

## Session B: Getting Ahead in the K Award Race (This workshop is limited to 20 participants. You must submit a specific aims page and have your PI sign a form that states they support your K Award submission. You must also attend Session A)

December 3, 2020, 9am to 1pm

Synthesizing knowledge and lessons from Session A with hands-on activities and samples to provide insight to practical implementation that will position you for a successful K application:

- How to tailor your K application to the reviewers' needs
- Dissecting the Candidate Statement: The who, what, why, and how
- What the Aims page captures, why it's so important to get it right, and how to tackle it
- The "Good, Bad, and Ugly" of K aims pages
- The Training Plan: The knot that ties your K together
- Tackling resubmission for ultimate success
- *Individualized post-workshop feedback on your Specific Aims page or Training Plan, for up to 2 months after the workshop date. Availability is limited to 20 participants.*

**To apply to attend Session B - please send your SA page to [pphelps4@jhmi.edu](mailto:pphelps4@jhmi.edu) before or by November 15th. If your SA page is not yet ready and you would like to hold a spot, please send an email requesting us to hold a spot. You will need to submit your SA page by the November 15th Deadline or lose your spot in the workshop. We will select the first twenty applicants who have a significant SA draft and PI support.**

To find out more about these workshops, and whether it might be right for you, visit <https://career-volt.com/jhu-k-workshop/>.