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## KL2 Mentored Career Development Award (MCDA) Program

- Comprehensive KL2 MCDA Program provides Scholars with career and professional development.
- Leadership Team and Scholars meet monthly with a focus on strategies to develop Scholars into independent clinical and translational investigators.
- Annual Mentor-Protégé Mentoring Workshop Series focuses on building mentor-protégé relationships and enhancing mentoring skills.
- BERD Research Bootcamp Core Competency Workshop Series enhances knowledge and skills related to formulating well-defined clinical and translational research questions and incorporating regulatory precepts into the design of future basic and clinical studies and grant awards.
- Required Basic Micro-Credential Program in Clinical and Translational Science combines didactic training with core competency and professional development workshop series to provide Scholars with a basic training in principles related to clinical and translational science. (Optional advanced programs follow completion of the basic program.)

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We have created a comprehensive KL2 Mentored Career Development Award (MCDA) Program designed to provide Scholars with career and professional development that includes the following components:

- All KL2 Leadership Team members and Scholars attend monthly group Leadership Team meetings focused on strategies to develop the Scholars into independent clinical and translational investigators. These meetings provide a collaborative atmosphere where Scholars can provide input into the development of career and professional development activities, as well as receive feedback on their research and professional development plans.
- The KL2 Program has designed and offered annually the Mentor-Protégé Mentoring Workshop Series which is focused on building mentor-protégé relationships and enhancing mentoring skills. This series is offered to mentor-protégé pairs engaged in clinical and translational research or

other medical fields. All workshops are evaluated and mentor-protégé pairs complete a pre- and post-test focused on investigating their skills and competencies related to mentorship.

- The KL2 Program co-sponsors the BERD Research Bootcamp Core Competency Workshop Series designed to enhance knowledge and skills related to formulating well-defined clinical and translational research questions and incorporating regulatory precepts into the design of future basic and clinical studies and grant awards. Each workshop in this series is evaluated to allow for improvement and growth during subsequent installments of the series.
- All KL2 Scholars are required to complete a Basic Micro-Credential Program in Clinical and Translational Science. This program combines didactic training with core competency and professional development workshop series to provide Scholars with a basic training in principles related to clinical and translational science. Following completion of this program, Scholars have the option to complete Advanced Micro-Credential Programs in one of the following areas: Biomedical Informatics; Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design; Community Engagement; and Translational Science.