# New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science
# 2026 Institutional Career Development Award (K12) – DEVELOP Program

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) is delighted to announce the next cycle of its **Clinical-Translational Scientist Junior Faculty Award Program (K12),** supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

We seek to identify junior faculty focused on research relevant to human health and to advance their academic careers by providing protected time, mentoring, training and research funding. The goal is to develop clinical - translational researchers who have the tools and training to become independent researchers.

The K12 program supports Scholars in developing and conducting outstanding clinical-translational research projects at any one of the NJ ACTS partner institutions--Rutgers, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), and RWJBarnabas Health. Candidates are required to have 80% protected time for research during the program (for surgeons or other procedure-oriented clinicians, a minimum of 50% protected time for research is required). The K12 program provides funding for **80 percent protected time** for research with **salary support not exceeding $120,000/yr (**which is exclusive of fringe benefits – the total amount must not exceed $180,000 in direct costs per year**) (for the 80% effort)**; and **$10,000/yr** for research supplies or equipment, technical personnel, tuition support, and professional travel.

Scholars can receive up to **two years of support** with sufficient progress. Successful candidates will receive K12 appointments starting **September 1, 2026.**

**For complete eligibility criteria, and application process/requirements** view the *"Scholar Program Description".*

**Application Process/Requirements:**

- Letter of Intent
- Full application:
  - The Online Application Form
  - 3 Letters of Reference submitted directly to the Program
  - A Career Development Proposal

**Please** view the *"Proposal Guidance and Requirements"* **for details on the required components of the career development proposal.**

**We strongly encourage applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and that demonstrate collaborative clinical-translational research across NJ ACTS institutions.**

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

**KEY DATES/DEADLINES:**

- **Release Date**: May 4th, 2026
- **Letter of Intent Due:** June 8th, 2026, at 5 p.m. EST
  - Applicants will be notified within 10 days after the LOI deadline whether their LOI is approved to move to Phase 2, if modifications are needed, or if it will not advance.
- **Full Application Due:** July 27th, 2026, at 5 p.m. EST
- **Notification of Awards:** August 17th, 2026
- **Award Start Date:** September 1st, 2026

**For more information, please email the K12 Program Administrator, Brittany Sullivan, at:**
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