

**CTSA Education/Career Development
Key Function Committee Teleconference
Meeting Summary
June 3, 2009**

Welcome

Dr. Meyers provided the formal welcome for the meeting.

Vice Chair Elections

Drs. Wishwa Kapoor and Melissa Begg of the nominations committee announced the results of the recent committee election. The new Chair Elect/Vice Chair of this committee is Dr. Michael Fleming (University of Wisconsin). Both candidates were thanked for their dedication and service to the Committee. Dr. Fleming looks forward to working with Dr. Fred Meyers this year. Dr. Fleming expressed that it will be an interesting year to work on new things and mentioned that he looked forward to working with so many talented people on this Committee.

Optimizing KL2 Awards <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov>

Dr. Meyers directed Committee members to the NCCR website to review the K12 funding guidelines. He recognized Dr. Michael Lichtenstein for his leadership and also thanked NCCR for its adaptability, dedication, and support.

TL1 Program

Several questions were raised during the teleconference regarding the TL1 award. Committee members asked questions regarding eligibility requirements such as whether postdoctoral candidates or certificate candidates could be considered for the award. The issue was raised in light of a recent memo from NCCR clarifying the requirements of the award. Committee members shared different scenarios in which non-degree seeking students were benefiting from the award, and expressed concerns of non-compliance. Dr. Carol Shreffler summarized key points in the Congressional authorizing legislation for the benefit of Committee members. Representatives from the Committee have written a letter to NCCR requesting further discussion on this issue. For more information about the award program, please see the recently posted Guide notice referencing the TL1 award: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RR-09-014.html>

Following the Committee meeting, Dr. Carol Merchant circulated the guide notice URL and shared highlights as follows:

- 1) The NRSA advanced degree requirement applies to pre-doctoral candidates, not postdoctoral candidates.
- 2) Pre-doctoral certificate candidates were never eligible for NRSA support. However, pre-professional students (specific degrees listed in the guide notice) are permitted to take a year-long research experience appointment which may include didactic course work.
- 3) The National Research Service Award is a Congressional mandated award Section 487 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 288) therefore NCCR would not be permitted to make an IC policy change as in the case of the career development award.

Information Inquiry

NCCR has provided overall aggregate data on trainees (although for 2009 we cannot provide the overall data because there are two missing APRs). NCCR cannot provide APR data from individual sites to the KFC.