

# R01 WRITING GROUP – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Submitting your first successful R01 is a major challenge, and here is a great way to make that task more productive and enjoyable. The University of Utah's [KL2 Program](#), a part of the Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Science (Utah CCTS), is organizing **R01 writing groups** that will include up to 5-7 junior faculty members each that are pursuing their first R01 NIH award (or equivalent). Each group will be headed by one or two senior faculty members with extensive success with NIH awards and study section reviewer experience. The groups will foster peer and senior mentoring to produce top quality grant submissions.

So what is the plan for the June 2020 cycle deadline, you ask?

1. The **kick-off meeting** for the groups is scheduled for December 17, 2019, which will focus on the specific aims of each faculty member pursuing their first R01 level grant.
2. After that, the groups will **continue to meet** every other week to revise their aims until the end of February 2020.
3. In March and April 2020, **groups will meet** to provide guidance and feedback on the Research Strategy (significance, innovation, and research plan).
4. In May 2020 there will be a **mock study section on May 4, 2020**. The junior faculty's content mentor or primary mentor will be expected to participate.
5. In June 2020, the bright, ambitious R01 pursuers will **submit their grant**.

This team approach has been used nationally to increase success with obtaining first R01s.

This will be a competitive admission-based process.

To apply, please send the following documents to Sarah Elliott at [sarah.elliott@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:sarah.elliott@hsc.utah.edu): 1.) Current Specific Aims, 2.) Biosketch, 3.) Preliminary Data, and 4.) Letter of Support from your Department supporting the time and effort needed to commit to the grant proposal being created and the R01 Writing Group program. Applications are due **November 11, 2019**.

If you are interested, or know of a junior faculty member who is, please have them contact [Sarah Elliott](#) ([sarah.elliott@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:sarah.elliott@hsc.utah.edu)), the administrative support for the program. If you have specific questions about program content or qualifications please contact either Drs. Maureen Murtaugh ([maureen.murtaugh@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:maureen.murtaugh@hsc.utah.edu)) or David Turok ([david.turok@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:david.turok@hsc.utah.edu)), the KL2 Program Co-Directors.

Thank you,

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