

2026 Pre-K Junior Faculty Career Development Award Program Agreement

I. Funding

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that any funds received as a result of this application shall be expended to cover the applicant's 30% of the 12-month salary.

Additional funds may be provided for traveling to national meetings as it relates to the K Award application. Carryforward of funds is not allowed.

II. Use of Information

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that if awarded, The Cato T. Laurencin Institute for Regenerative Engineering has the right to publish information contained within this application, including the Applicant's Name, Institution, Title of Research and Purpose, and Abstract on its website, and in any publications or reports, and through its other public information vehicles.

III. Regarding Scientific Publications

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that, if awarded, each publication or other documentation about the research supported by The Cato T. Laurencin Institute for Regenerative Engineering award must include an acknowledgment of support and a disclaimer such as:

"Research reported in this publication was supported by The Cato T. Laurencin Institute for Regenerative Engineering at the University of Connecticut. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the Institute."

IV. Department Chair/Division Head Statement

I understand that the applicant must be an Assistant Professor at the time of application. If the applicant is granted the award:

- Protected time is at 30% for the duration of the 2-year award.
- The Cato T. Laurencin Institute for Regenerative Engineering will provide 0.15 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) (15%) salary support, and the applicant's department will provide the remaining 0.15 FTE (15%) salary support.
- Applicant is required to attend all biweekly workshops offered by the Pre-K Junior Faculty Career Development Award Program.
- Carryforward of funds and no-cost extensions are not allowed.
- Continued availability of funds is dependent upon acceptable yearly progress of the applicant throughout the program period.

V. Primary Mentor Statement of Commitments & Expectations

If the Award is granted, I agree to:

- Meet at least once a month with mentee.

- Provide consultation with mentee on their career development plan
- Provide mentee with timely scientific and methodological advice to assist implementation and development of independent study and their NIH K application.
- Participate in mock reviews if needed, during which the mentee's K-Award application is presented and discussed.
- Complete evaluations for the Pre-K Junior Faculty Career Development Award Program's effectiveness and mentee's progress.
- Guide mentee toward scholarly independence.
- Maintain a relationship with mentee that is based on trust and mutual respect.

VI. Applicant's Statement of Commitments & Expectations

If awarded, I agree to:

- Attend bi-weekly 90-minute program sessions (virtually hosted Thursday mornings, schedule TBD).
- Submit an NIH Research Career Development Award (K) during the first year of the program (by June 2027).
- Submit written assignments on time.
- Provide constructive feedback to other group members.
- Develop a mentor team in addition to the primary mentor already identified.
- Attend at least one national meeting per year, during the 2-year award.
- Not adhering to these commitments and expectations could lead to the dismissal of my participation in the program, loss of my 30% salary support, as well as any additional funds that may be provided for travel to national meetings.

Applicant Signature Date: _____

Primary Mentor Signature Date: _____

Print Name of Primary Mentor

Department Chair/Division Head Date: _____

Print Name of Department Chair/Division Head