

BU CTSI Spotlight



Meet the new Director of Workforce Development



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KL2 Career Development Program Award

Training and mentoring are crucial to a successful career in the academic health sciences, particularly for clinical and translational researchers. At Boston University we invest in skill development for researchers as one means to that goal. Towards that goal, the [KL2 Career Development Program](#) has provided protected time, mentoring, and career development opportunities for outstanding junior investigators in translational research and translational science.

This early career development program for translational research faculty provides protected time, salary support of up to \$100,000 a year for up to two years and financial support for research-related expenses, training, lab costs, and travel. The KL2 scholar is guided by two research mentors from different disciplines, both clinical and nonclinical. Scholars who are mentored attain improved research skills in clinical and translational science. They are also more likely to compete successfully for research support.

The BU CTSI is delighted to announce the newly appointed Director of the KL2 Career Development Program, [Natalia E. Morone, MD, MS](#), Associate Professor of Medicine. Dr. Morone was previously the co-Director of the CTSI Pathways to Research Independence and Mentoring Excellence (PRIME) program and is a member of the CTSI Workforce Development Group. Thanks to Dr. Morone for her tremendous effort in supporting the careers of early career faculty as demonstrated by her work as a mentor, co-Directing the BU CTSI Career Development Award Workshop, and being multi-PI of two NIH longitudinal career development awards.

In this new role, Dr. Morone will lead the BU CTSI KL2 program in providing competency-based career development opportunities that will ensure all Scholars transition to clinical and translational science research independence. All KL2 scholars participate in the following programs or activities:

- **Independent multidisciplinary research projects involving researchers from at least two diverse disciplines, and mentors from two disciplines**
- **Training in grant writing**
- **Faculty development seminars**
- **CTSA National KL2 programs**
- **Networking both locally and nationally**

BU CTSI Support

With support from the BU CTSI staff and faculty, participants learn more about and are encouraged to use the [CTSI's Offerings & Resources](#) aimed to help them build their research support networks to ensure the success of their research projects. Participants can also request no-cost research consultations from BU CTSI services at any point during their research study through the [Research Navigator Team](#).

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