**Virginia Tech – Carilion (VTC) Applicant Addendum**

All Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic applications to the Scholars program will be considered for KL2 funding support that is available from the CTSA/NIH. This limited CTSA/NIH funding will support a total of 2 new Scholars selected from among all of the VT, Carilion Clinic, and UVA applications.

**Application Options**

Applicants from Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic may apply in one of two ways:

1. **Applicant competing for a KL2 spot only:**

Applicant must provide a letter from department chair, dean, or institute director that includes the following support if the applicant is selected:

1. 75% research release time for each year of the two-year award. Reductions from 75% will be considered on a case-by-case basis; requests for exceptions must be noted in the Letter of Intent.
2. Commit to funding the applicant’s salary/fringe, the continued release time, and consideration of $50,000 for expenses (including supplies, Scholar travel, training/tuition, etc) for a third year if extramural funding is not obtained by the end of year 2 of the award.
3. **Applicant competing for a KL2 spot or institutionally sponsored spot:**

If the applicant is not selected for a KL2 spot, the top-ranked applicants may utilize support from the university or hospital to fund her/his participation in the program. Applicant must provide a letter from department chair, dean, or institute director that includes the following support if the applicant is selected or ranked highly:

1. Funding for salary/fringe and 75% release time for each year of the two-year award. Reductions from 75% will be considered on a case-by-case basis; requests for exceptions must be noted in the Letter of Intent.
2. $50,000 in research-related expenses (including supplies, Scholar travel, training/tuition, etc.) for each year of the two year award,
3. Commit to funding the applicant’s salary/fringes, the continued release time, and consideration of $50,000 of expenses (including supplies, Scholar travel, training/tuition, etc) for a third year if extramural funding is not obtained by the end of year 2 of the award.

**Selection Process**

Scholar applications are centrally accepted and distributed to study sections made up of experienced reviewers from Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic, and UVA. Each application will have a minimum of 3 reviewers. Applicants will be invited for an interview based on these reviews. The top 2 ranked applicants among all of the applications are selected for the KL2-funded Scholar seats. Additional Scholar seats are selected in rank order based on sponsorship and program staff/mentor availability.

**Questions**

General questions specific to being a VTC Scholar should be directed to Dr. Leanna Blevins at (540) 526-2191 or leannab@vt.edu.

Questions specific to applicants employed by Virginia Tech should be directed to Dr. Leanna Blevins at (540) 526-2191 or leannab@vt.edu. All Virginia Tech applicants must contact Dr. Blevins early during consideration of a submission and before submission of all applications.

Questions specific to applicants employed by Carilion Clinic should be directed to Dr. Paul Skolnik at (540) 853-0154 or prskolnik@carilionclinic.org. All Carilion Clinic applicants must contact Dr. Skolnik early during consideration of a submission and before submission of all applications.