Kidney Precision Medicine Project
Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: RFA-KPMP-OP-26-001
Early Career Investigator Travel Grants for March 2027 KPMP Meeting
Deadline for receipt of proposal: 12:00 PM ET on Tuesday December 15, 2026.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) requests applications for the Kidney Precision Medicine Project (KPMP) Opportunity Pool Travel Grant. **All applications must be submitted through this form by 12:00 PM ET on Tuesday December 15, 2026.**

The objectives of the KPMP are to ethically obtain and evaluate human kidney biopsies from participants with AKI or CKD, create a kidney tissue atlas, define disease subgroups, and identify critical cells, pathways, and targets for novel therapies.

The consortium would like to encourage wide participation in the KPMP face-to-face meetings. To this end, eligible investigators for this announcement would be any early-career investigators who are engaged in basic, clinical, or translational research relevant to the goals of the KPMP and are not currently KPMP key personnel. For the purposes of this announcement, early-career investigators include graduate or medical students, post-doctoral fellows, clinical residents and fellows, and junior faculty who have completed their terminal research degree within the past 10 years.

Early-career investigators attending the meeting will learn about KPMP protocols in development, scientific technologies to be applied to the interrogation of kidney biopsy tissue, the role of patient engagement in KPMP, and how data management and visualization tools will be applied to the creation of a kidney atlas. It is expected that this opportunity will lead to increased collaborations for the KPMP. All eligible applicants, including past awardees, are encouraged to apply.

The KPMP is hosting its next face-to-face meeting on March 3 & 4, 2027 in Bethesda, MD. Junior investigators conducting research of interest to the KPMP and who are interested in attending may apply for a travel grant for up to $1,500 (based on space availability and scoring). Selected awardees must give a poster presentation on their submitted research at the meeting on March 3, 2027, at the Hyatt Bethesda. Approximately 12-18 awardees will be selected to attend the meeting.

Award Terms

- Up to $1,500 in travel costs (including: airfare*, lodging, ground transportation, meals**).
  *Coach/Economy class. Fly America Act applies to Foreign National awardees.
  **Meals are reimbursed up to the allowable GSA.gov per diem rates. No alcohol can be reimbursed. All travel costs must comply with Mount Sinai's travel policies.
- Receipts (scanned and electronic) are required and must be submitted to the KPMP Mount Sinai point of contact within 30 days after the meeting.
- The award will be issued in the form of travel reimbursement to the awardee.
- Awardees can reimburse the costs of poster printing as part of the award.
- Travel awards cannot be used to fund key personnel travel.
- Awardees from non-KPMP affiliated sites must agree to sign the KPMP confidential disclosure agreement as is with no edits to the agreement upon acceptance of award.
- Awardee agrees to also submit .pdf or .ppt versions of their poster presentation to the KPMP.

To apply for the travel grant, please submit a NIH formatted biosketch and an abstract (single PDF file, maximum 250 words, may include one figure or table) of your proposed presentation through this form by 12:00 PM ET on Tuesday December 15, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted. New applicants will be prioritized for awards. Abstract review will be facilitated by the KPMP, and awardees will be notified by January 6, 2027.

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