NIH K01 - Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award

Description of Award
The purpose of this program is to provide support and protected time for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. Some NIH Institutes use the K01 to enhance workforce diversity, or for individuals who propose to train in a new field, or for individuals who have had a hiatus in their research career.

NIH awards are applied to through specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). See a list of [active K01 FOAs here](). *What's an FOA and what do all these NIH acronyms mean? Click [here]() to find out!*

Looking for additional information? Try this link:
- [Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award]()

Eligibility
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Research or clinical doctoral degree
- In postdoctoral fellowship/residency or early career investigator career stages

Funds Provided
- PI salary and program-related expenses for up to 5 years. Program related funds may be used for the following expenses:
    - Tuition and fees related to career development
    - Research-related expenses, such as supplies, equipment and technical personnel
    - Travel to research meetings or training
    - Statistical services including personnel and computer time

Deadlines
NIH has 3 submission cycles for new K01 applications. No letter of intent is required.
- Cycle I: February 12
- Cycle II: June 12
- Cycle III: October 12
- New K01 applications may be submitted by any of these deadlines. For each date, applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of application organization.

Note: Check with the grants office at your home institution because internal deadlines can vary. Oftentimes materials must be submitted internally prior to the NIH deadline.

Major Application Components
- Comprehensive application instructions can be found [here]() and should be considered in conjunction with your specific FOA
- Major application components and length (general NIH page limit guidelines found [here]())
    - Biosketch - *5 pages*
        - Highlights qualifications for the individual's specific role in the project through the following sections:
            - Personal Statement
            - Positions and Honors

- - Contributions to Science
  - Research Support
  - View Biographical Sketch Format Page (non-fellowship) here

- Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development - *12 pages combined with Research Plan*
  - Candidate's Background
  - Career Goals and Objectives
  - Candidate's Plan for Career Development/Training Activities During Award Period

- Research Plan - *12 pages combined with Candidate Information & Goals*
  - Specific Aims - *1 page*
  - Research Strategy - *~6 pages*
    - Significance
    - Innovation
    - Approach
  - Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research

- Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-Mentor(s) - *6 pages*
  - Mentor and co-mentor(s) (if applicable) each document:
    - Plan for candidate's training and research career development
    - Source of anticipated support for candidate's research project
    - Nature and extent of supervision and mentoring of the candidate
    - Candidate's time available for research and anticipated other commitments during the award period (e.g., teaching, clinical activities, administrative activities)
    - Plan for transitioning candidate from mentored stage of career to independent investigator, including previous mentorship experiences and their outcomes

- Reference Letters

Contact information for Successful Applicants:

References
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development/k01