NIH K23 - Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award

Description of Award
The purpose of this program is to support the career development of individuals with a clinical doctoral degree, who have the potential to develop into productive, clinical investigators, and who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research.

For the purposes of the K23 award, patient-oriented research is defined as research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues or specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. This area of research includes:
  1) mechanisms of human disease
  2) therapeutic interventions
  3) clinical trials
  4) development of new technologies

NIH awards are applied to through specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). See a list of [active K23 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 Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award]()

Eligibility
  - US citizen or permanent resident
  - Clinical doctoral degree with completed clinical training
  - Postdoctoral fellowship/residency or early career investigator career stage

Funds Provided
  - PI salary of up to $100,000/yr for the project period (up to 5 years)
  - Research development support of $50,000/year for the project period. These funds may be used for the following expenses:
    - Tuition and fees related to career development
    - Research-related expenses, such as supplies, equipment, technical personnel, and participant incentives
    - Travel to research meetings or training
    - Statistical services including personnel and computer time

Deadlines
NIH has 3 submission cycles for new K23 applications under the current FOAs.
  - Cycle I: February
  - Cycle II: June
  - Cycle III: October
  - New K23 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

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References
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development/K23