NIH K76 - Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging

Description of Award
The purpose of this program is to develop a cadre of talented scientists prepared and willing to take an active leadership role in transformative change that will lead to improved health care outcomes. The NIA Beeson K76 supports early stage clinician-investigators who have begun to establish research programs and demonstrate leadership in the field of aging research.

NIH awards are applied to through specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). See a list of active K76 FOAs here. *What's an FOA and what do all these NIH acronyms mean? Click here to find out!*

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Eligibility
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Health-professional doctoral degree
- Postdoctoral fellowship/residency or early career investigator career stage

Funds Provided
- PI salary and program-related expenses totaling up to $225,000/yr 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 1 submission cycle for new K76 applications under the current FOAs. A letter of intent is required 30 days prior to the application due date.
- Cycle I: October
- 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
    - **Note:** Must have at least one US-based and one LMIC-based mentor

- Reference Letters

Contact information for Successful Applicants:

References
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development/K76