



# NCI Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01)



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## AT A GLANCE

### Application Due Dates

February 12  
June 12  
October 12

### Resubmission Deadlines

March 12  
July 12  
November 12

### Candidate Eligibility

Early-stage investigators (ESI) who have completed 2 to 5 years of research training after obtaining a doctoral-equivalent degree

### Award Budget

3–5 years of salary (up to \$100,000) and research support (up to \$30,000)

## WHAT IS A K01 AWARD TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY?

The purpose of the NCI Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01) is to enhance workforce diversity by fostering the career development and mentored training experiences of early-stage investigators. This initiative aims to provide financial support and 3 to 5 years of protected time for investigators to develop impactful research projects and establish themselves in the cancer research field.

Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women, are always encouraged to work with their institution to apply for NIH support. See Reminder: Notice of NIH's Encouragement of Applications Supporting Individuals from Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups as well as Individuals with Disabilities (NOT-OD-22-019) for details.

## WHAT DOES THE K01 AWARD OFFER?

This award offers several benefits, including:

- » Providing 3 to 5 years of salary (up to \$100,000) and research support (up to \$30,000)
- » Facilitating principal investigator (PI) progression towards an independent career in cancer research and a tenure-track faculty position
- » Enhanced publication productivity
- » Cultivation of a robust skill set to enhance competitiveness for NIH funding opportunities

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The K01 award salary is based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment:

- » You must devote at least 9 months to conducting cancer-related research.
- » You may devote the remaining effort to clinical pursuits, teaching, or other eligible activities.
- » NCI will provide up to \$30,000 annually to the candidate's institution to cover the costs of career and research development of the candidate, which may be used for tuition and fees related to expenses such as supplies, equipment, technical personnel, travel, and statistical services.



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## CONTACTS

**Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact:**

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## AM I AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE?

You may be eligible for support under a K01 award if you have a doctoral degree and you:

- » Are an individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the program director/principal investigator (PD/PI)
- » Have completed at least 2 years of training following completion of a doctoral degree (but usually not more than 5 years)
- » Are a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national of the U.S., or permanent resident



## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

For the full text of this funding opportunity, visit:

Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-295.html> and NOT-CA-23-019 at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-23-019.html>

Clinical Trial Required: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-296.html>

