



# NCI Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K08)



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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

Any individual who has completed 2–5 years of training after a clinical doctoral degree with the skills and knowledge to carry out the proposed research as the principal investigator.

### Award Budget

Up to the legislative salary cap, fringe benefits, and \$50,000 in research development support for 3 to 5 years

## WHAT IS A K08 AWARD TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY?

The K08 award promotes workforce diversity by providing clinical scientists with support and protected time for intensive, supervised research career development experience in clinical, behavioral, translational, or patient-oriented cancer research.

Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women, are always encouraged to work with their institutions to apply for NIH support.

## AM I AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE?

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the program director(s)/principal investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with their organization to develop an application for support. Notice to clarify eligibility requirements: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-24-009.html>.

You may be an eligible candidate if you:

- » Have completed a clinical doctoral degree or a health professional doctoral degree (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.O., D.C., O.D., N.D., D.V.M., Pharm.D., or Ph.D. in clinical disciplines) and have an active license to practice
- » Have completed 2 to 5 years of training after obtaining a doctoral degree
- » Are a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national of the U.S., or permanent resident by the time of award

## WHAT DOES THE K08 AWARD OFFER?

This award offers several benefits, including:

- » 3 to 5 years of salary support (up to the legislative salary cap and fringe benefits annually)
- » Protected time for clinical research
- » Mentorship from experienced investigators
- » A pathway to an independent cancer research career





## CONTACTS

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

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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The 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 \$50,000 annually for career and research development support.



## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

For the full text of this PAR, visit:

No Independent Clinical Trials:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-300.html>

Clinical Trial Required:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-299.html>

