Grant Title: INDEPENDENT SCIENTIST AWARD (PARENT K02)

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Area of Research: Foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research.


Application Deadline: New: February 12, June 12, October 12 annually; Renewal, resubmission, revision: March 12, July 12, November 12 annually.

Amount: Salary and fringe benefits for the K02 award recipient is provided. The total salary requested must be based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment. The K02 award requires the candidate to devote a minimum of 9 person-months (75% of full-time professional effort) to conducting health-related research. The remaining effort may be devoted to clinical, teaching, or other research pursuits and activities consistent with the objectives of the award. It is expected that candidates for a K02 award will have research support at the time of the award. There are some research specialties, however, in which only minimal research support is needed, i.e., theoreticians, statisticians, and computer scientists. In such cases, incidental research expenses may be requested at the time of application and provided at the discretion of the participating IC. When provided, these funds may be used for the following expenses: (a) tuition and fees related to career development; (b) research expenses, such as supplies, equipment and technical personnel; c) travel to research meetings or training; and (d) statistical and computational services including personnel and computer time.

Length of Support: Three to five years (at least three years are required).

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The purpose of the NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. The K02 award provides three, four, or five years of salary support and protected time for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers. Each independent scientist career award program must be tailored to meet the individual needs of the candidate. The overall goal of NIH-supported career development programs is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists are available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. The NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is intended to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research.