Grant Title: MENTORED CLINICAL SCIENTIST RESEARCH CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD (PARENT K08)

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Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS).

Area of Research: Support for clinical scientists/researchers.


Amount: The participating NIH Institutes and Centers will provide salary and fringe benefits for the award recipient. The total salary requested must be based on a full-time 12 months staff appointment. Mentored career awards require 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 other research pursuits and activities consistent with the objectives of the award.

Length of Support: The total project period may not exceed 5 years.

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

Summary: The primary purpose of the NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Awards (K08) program is to prepare qualified individuals for careers that have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation. This program represents the continuation of a long-standing NIH program that provides support and "protected time" to individuals with a clinical doctoral degree for an intensive, supervised research career development experience in the fields of biomedical and behavioral research, including translational research. The K08 provides support for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in biomedical or behavioral research, including translational research leading to research independence. For the purpose of this award, translational research is defined as application of basic research discoveries toward the diagnosis, management, and prevention of human disease. The K08 award may be used by candidates with different levels of prior research training and at different stages in their career development. For example, a candidate with limited experience in a given field of research may use an award to support a career development experience that includes a designated period of didactic training followed by a period of closely supervised research experience. A candidate with previous research experience and training may not require extensive additional didactic preparation, and may use an award to support a career development experience that focuses on an intensive, supervised research experience.