Grant Title: MIDCAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD IN PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH (K24)

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Area of Research: Support to mid-career health-professional doctorates or equivalent.


Application Deadline: For new applicants: February 12, June 12 and October 12. For renewal, resubmission, revision March 12, July 12 and November 12.

Amount: The NIH Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (K24) will provide salary for levels of effort between 3-6 person-months (or 25 and 50% full-time professional effort). The actual salary provided by the award is based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment at the sponsoring institution, the PD/PIs institutional salary, and the level of effort requested, up to the maximum legislated salary rate in effect at the time of 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 purpose of the NIH Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (K24) is to provide support to mid-career health-professional doctorates or equivalent who are typically at the Associate Professor level or the equivalent for protected time to devote to patient-oriented research (POR) and to act as research mentors primarily for clinical residents, clinical fellows and/or junior clinical faculty. The NIH Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (K24) award is designed to enable mid-career clinician scientists to: Devote more time to augment their capabilities in Patient-Oriented Research (POR); and provide mentoring to new clinical investigators in the conduct of POR. The K24 award recipient who continues to have an independent peer-reviewed patient-oriented research program and continues to provide mentoring to new investigators can continue to contribute to the overall goals of the program after being promoted to Full Professor. This award has formed an important part of the NIH initiative to attract and retain talented individuals to the challenges of patient-oriented research. The overall goal is to increase the pool of clinical researchers who can conduct patient-oriented research, who will be able to successfully compete for peer-reviewed grants, and who will mentor the next generation of clinical investigators. It is expected that K24 recipients will obtain new or additional independent peer-reviewed funding for POR as PD/PI and establish and assume leadership roles in collaborative POR programs. In addition, it is expected that there will be an increased effort and commitment to act as a mentor to beginning clinician investigators in POR to enhance the research productivity of both the K24 investigator and increase the pool of well-trained clinical researchers of the future. For the purposes of this award, Patient-Oriented Research is defined as research conducted with human subjects for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects. This area of research includes: 1) mechanisms of human disease; 2) therapeutic interventions; 3) clinical trials; and 4) the development of new technologies.