**K08 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS**

**Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award**

**Purpose of the Award**

- 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.

- Supports didactic study and mentored research for individuals with clinical doctoral degrees (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).

**Applications**

- **New: NOT-OD-20-033**
  
  - Program Plan attachment – candidates expected to address, as applicable, new research skills they plan to acquire in rigorous research design, experimental methods, quantitative approaches, and data analysis and interpretation.
  
  - Applicants for diversity-related career development programs expected to attach a Description of Candidate’s Contribution to Program Goals.

**Note**

- Individuals with a clinical doctoral degree interested in pursuing a career in patient-oriented research should refer to the NIH Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23).

**More Information**

- Visit the parent Announcement through the Parent Announcement page and the K Kiosk for information about the Career Development Award.

- Read more about the K review criteria and considerations: Review Criteria at- a-Glance.

- For more information on scoring and critique templates, see: Scoring System and Procedure, Critique Template Instructions.

- View a comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers.