

K22 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

Career Transition Award

Purpose of the Award

- To facilitate the transition of a basic or clinical investigator to a new independent research position.
- The award has two phases: Phase I is during the period the applicant seeks a new independent position; Phase II occurs when the applicant begins the new independent position.
- The award can be funded in both phases or in the second phase only. For those funded in Phase II only, support begins when a scientist is appointed to a new independent research position. NIH intramural scientists are only eligible for funding in Phase II.
- Although some K22 programs provide funding only for the Phase II, there must be a clear institutional commitment during Phase I to facilitating a timely transition of the applicant to a stable independent research position.
- The award is intended to facilitate the establishment of a record of independent research and/or the competitiveness of the investigator to obtain peer-reviewed research support.

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.

Applicants

- For applicants not currently working at the NIH, the awards are for post-doctoral fellows or staff scientists intending to transition to an independent position. For NIH intramural scientists, the awards are for post-doctoral fellows, tenure-track, or tenured scientists who intend to transition to positions outside the NIH.
- Applicants must propose a research project that will be pursued during both phases of the award, including a mentoring plan (when applicable), and how the plan will help transition the applicant to independence.
- Applicants must also describe their current institution's environment and commitment to their goal of transitioning to a new independent position.'

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.