

# K23 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

## Mentored Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Career Development Award

### Purpose of the Award

- Ensures a future cadre of well-trained scientists working in POR areas who will become competitive for NIH research project (R01) grant support.
- Encourages research-oriented clinicians to develop independent research skills and gain experience in advanced methods and experimental approaches needed to become an independent investigator conducting patient-oriented research
- Increases the pool of clinical researchers who can conduct patient-oriented studies, capitalizing on the discoveries of biomedical research and translating them to clinical settings
- Supports the career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research

### Notes

- POR is defined as research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects
- Clinically trained professionals or individuals with a clinical degree who are interested in further career development in biomedical research that is not patient-oriented should refer to the Mentored Clinical Scientist Career Development Award (K08)

### More Information

- Visit the K23 parent Announcement through the [Parent Announcement page](#).
- Visit the [K Kiosk](#) for information about the Career Development Awards.
- To read more about the review criteria and considerations for K applications, visit [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/k\\_D.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/k_D.htm) and [Review Criteria at-a-Glance](#).
- Please see the following documents for more information on scoring and critique templates: [Scoring System and Procedure](#), [Critique Template Instructions](#).
- A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer\\_guidelines.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm)