

K99/R00 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

NIH Pathway to Independence (PI) Award

Purpose of the Award

- Increases and maintains a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported independent investigators
- Facilitates a timely transition from a mentored intramural or extramural postdoctoral research position to an independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty position and provides independent NIH research support during the transition to help these individuals launch competitive, independent research careers
- Provides opportunity for promising postdoctoral scientists to receive both mentored and independent research support from the same award

Applicants

- Should have no more than four years of postdoctoral research experience at the time of submission of the new application and the subsequent resubmission (A1), and must be in a mentored, postdoctoral training position
- Must propose a research project that spans both the mentored (K99) and independent (R00) phases of the award
- Should select an appropriate mentor with an active track record of funded research related to the selected research topic and successful experience as a supervisor and mentor
- Award recipients are expected to establish an independent research program and compete successfully for independent NIH R01 support during the R00 award period.

More Information

- Visit the K99 parent Announcement through the [Parent Announcement page](#).
- Visit the [K Kiosk](#) for information about Career Development Awards.
- To read more about the review criteria and considerations for K applications, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/k.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