What Is a K22 Award?
The purpose of the NCI Transition Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K22) is to assist postdoctoral fellows or individuals in equivalent positions to transition to positions of tenure-track assistant professor or equivalent and initiate a successful biomedical career as an independent research scientist.

What Does the K22 Award Offer?
This award offers several benefits, including:
- Three years of salary (up to $100,000) annually
- Up to $50,000 for career and research development support annually
- 75% protected time for cancer research and training
- Support to non-independent investigators in transitioning to their first independent tenure-track faculty position
- Independent cancer research career
- Development of a strong skill set to help you be more competitive for NIH R01 funding.

How Does It Work?
The K22 award salary is based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment:
- You must devote at least 9 months to conducting cancer-related research.
- You may devote the remaining effort to clinical pursuits, teaching, or other eligible activities.
- There can be no tenure-track faculty position or accepted offer before application.
- Applicants are expected to submit an R01 application at the end of year 2 of the award.
- NCI will provide up to $50,000 annually for career and research development support, which you may use for tuition and fees related to expenses such as: supplies, equipment, technical personnel, travel, and statistical services.

Am I Eligible?
You may be eligible for a K22 award if you have a doctoral degree and you:
- Are from a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, social or clinical sciences, or have a disability
- Have completed at least 2 years of training following completion of a doctoral degree (but no more than 8 years of mentored research training experience)
- Are either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Where Do I Learn More?
For the full text of this Program Announcement, visit:
Clinical Trial Required: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-302.html
Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact: Shahrooz Vahedi, Ph.D.
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