



# NCI Transition Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K22)



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## AT A GLANCE

### Application Due Dates (yearly)

February 12  
June 12  
October 12

### Resubmission Deadlines (yearly)

March 12  
July 12  
November 12

### Candidate Eligibility

Postdoctoral fellows or early-stage investigators (ESIs) in equivalent mentored positions who have completed 2 to 8 years of research training after obtaining a doctoral-equivalent degree

### Award Budget

Up to \$100,000 for salary and up to \$50,000 in research development support annually for 3 years

## WHAT IS A K22 AWARD?

The purpose of the NCI Transition Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K22) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to assist postdoctoral fellows or individuals in equivalent positions in transitioning to tenure-track equivalent faculty positions, facilitating the initiation of successful independent and productive research careers in cancer research.

Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women, are always encouraged to work with their institutions to apply for NIH support. See Reminder: Notice of NIH's Encouragement of Applications Supporting Individuals from Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups as well as Individuals with Disabilities (NOT-OD-22-019) for details.

## WHAT DOES THE K22 AWARD OFFER?

This award offers various benefits, such as:

- » Three years of salary (up to \$100,000) and research supports (up to \$50,000) for the candidate's career and research development
- » 75% protected time for cancer research and training
- » Assistance for non-independent investigators in transitioning to their first independent tenure-track faculty position
- » Development of a robust skill set to enhance competitiveness for NIH R01 funding





## CONTACT US

**Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact:**

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## 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.
- » You must not have had a tenure-track faculty position or accepted offer before the application submission date.
- » You 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 AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE?

You may be eligible for support under a K22 award if you have a doctoral degree and you:

- » Are an individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the program director/principal investigator (PD/PI)
- » 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 a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national of the U.S., or permanent resident



## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

For the full text of this funding opportunity, visit:

Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-301.html>

Clinical Trial Required:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-302.html>

and NOT-CA-22-142 at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-22-142.html>

