

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 a stable independent extramural research position with independent NIH or other independent research support at an early stage
- Provides opportunity for promising postdoctoral scientists to receive both mentored and independent research support from the same award

Applicants

- Should have less than five years of postdoctoral training at the time of submission
- Must propose a research project that will be pursued during the K99 phase and transition into an independent project during the R00 phase of the award
- Should select an appropriate mentor with a track record of funded research related to the selected research topic and experience as a supervisor and mentor
- Award recipients are expected to compete successfully for independent R01 support from the NIH during the career transition award period.

More Information

- Visit the K99 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.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