Getting a K99/R00

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Advance Work

- Start Early
- Cultivate local mentors
- Take ethics and lab management courses
- Make choices: Institute, Mechanism (K01, K08, K99)
- Contact UCSD administrative support
- Conceive research
- Get examples
- Request letters of reference, support, mentorship, collaboration
Application

» It’s not just about the research statement!
» Administrative, Candidate Section, Research statement, Other Sections
» Plan ahead; look at the directions now:

http://grants.nih.gov/training/careerdevelopmentawards.htm
Application—Candidate

- Just as important as Research
- Typically 1/3 of the proposal
- Background—Anything that sets you apart
- Career Goals—Become a PI
- Career Development—Be specific
- Training in Responsible Conduct of Research
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Application—Other Parts

- Institutional Environment
- Vertebrate Animal Use
- Human Subjects?
- Research Sharing
- LETTER OF INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
Application—Secret Requirements

- Mentorship Committee—with letters
- Specific Coursework
- Letters of Collaboration
- Your mentor must write that you can take and use your ideas and unique reagents. Put it in your candidate section and make sure it is in their letter!
After Submission

- Contact Program Officer early and often
- Ask to submit supplementary information
- On the edge? Lobby for out-of-order funding
The Endgame

- Keep on talking to PO
- Meet progress report deadlines
- Transition to R0 phase is NOT automatic
- Contact and update mentorship committee
- Be aware of deadlines for filing for transition
- Negotiate!
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