Applying for a K99/R00 award

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Purpose of award

“Pathway to Independence”

Foster careers of promising young investigators

Promote gaining experience in grantsmanship

Earlier entry into NIH system
Phases of award

- K99 Phase
  - 1-2 years
    - research plan
    - didactic coursework
    - ethics, scientific writing, lab management
    - support of mentor, collaborators
Phases of award

- R00 Phase
  - 2 or 3 years
    - research plan
    - lab management, grant writing
    - support of collaborators
  - Issues with % effort in R00 phase
  - Transition to R00 phase is not automatic, based on merit and productivity.
NIH institutes participating in program

- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), [http://www.nichd.nih.gov/](http://www.nichd.nih.gov/)
Review criteria

- Candidate
- Career Development Plan
- Research Plan
- Mentor
- Environment and Institutional Commitment
- Training in responsible conduct of research
- Letters of reference and mentor statements
- Plans to evaluate progress

- Follow the current instructions exactly!
K99/R00 are highly competitive awards

- Score for funding
- Qualifications of applicants
- Number and quality of publications
- Mentor's record of training successful scientists
- Percentage of funded awards is approx. 5-8% (NIH R01 percentile is currently about 10%, or 15% for new investigators)