NCI Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K08)

What is a K08 Award to Promote Diversity?

The K08 award enhances workforce diversity by providing clinical scientists with support and protected time for intensive, supervised research career development experience in the fields of clinical, behavioral, translational, or patient-oriented cancer research.

Am I Eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are from a group underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, social, or clinical sciences. You may be eligible if you are from an underrepresented racial or ethnic group or have a disability.
- Have completed a clinical doctoral degree or a health professional doctoral degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DMD, DO, DC, OD, ND, DVM, PharmD, or PhD in clinical disciplines)
- Have completed 2–5 years of training following completion of a doctoral degree
- Are either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident by the time of award

What Does the K08 Award Offer?

This award offers several benefits, including:

- 3–5 years of salary (up to the legislative salary cap and fringe benefits annually)
- Protected time for clinical research
- Mentorship from experienced investigators
- A pathway to an independent cancer research career

How Does It Work?

The 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
- NCI will provide $50,000 annually for career and research development support

Where Do I Learn More?

Learn more about this and other opportunities at: crchd.cancer.gov

For the full text of this PAR, visit:


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

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