

INDEPENDENT SCIENTIST AWARD (K02)

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SPECIAL NOTE

The NIH institutes and centers implement this award in different ways to accommodate the career needs of researchers working in fields related to their specific missions. In the early stages of application preparation, all candidates should contact the prospective NIH awarding component listed at the end of this announcement to discuss issues of eligibility and the specific provisions of this award.

PURPOSE

The Independent Scientist Award (K02) provides up to five years of salary support for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers. This award is intended to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research.

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a PHS led national activity for setting priority areas. This Program Announcement (PA), Independent Scientist Award (K02), is related to one or more of the priority areas. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of "Healthy People 2000" at <http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/hp2000>.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must have a doctoral degree and independent, peer-reviewed research support at the time the award is made. Some of the NIH Institutes and Centers, require the candidate to have an NIH research grant at the time of application. Other NIH Institutes and Centers will accept candidates with peer-reviewed, independent research support from other sources. Candidates are encouraged to explore this issue with the proper NIH funding unit before preparing an application. The candidate must also be willing to spend a minimum of 75 percent of full-time professional effort conducting research and research career development during the period of the award. In addition, the candidate must be able to demonstrate that the requested period of salary support and protected time will foster his/her career as a highly productive scientist in the indicated field of research. Scientists whose work is primarily theoretical may apply for this award in the absence of external research grant support.

Applications may be submitted, on behalf of candidates, by domestic, non-Federal organizations, public or private, such as medical, dental, or nursing schools or other institutions of higher education. Minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. At the time of award, candidates must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States, or must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (i.e., in possession of a currently valid Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551, or other legal verification of such status). Noncitizen nationals are generally persons born in outlying possessions of the United States (i.e., American Samoa and Swains Island). Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible for this award.

MECHANISM OF SUPPORT

Awards in response to this program announcement will use the K02 mechanism. Planning, direction, and execution of the program will be the responsibility of the candidate on behalf of the applicant institution. However, the institution must demonstrate a commitment to the candidate

and the candidate's goals for career development. The project period may be for up to five years (at least three years are required). Awards may be competitively renewed at the discretion of the NIH awarding unit. Not all of the NIH awarding components permit renewal of this award.

Prospective candidates are advised to discuss this issue with the appropriate contact listed under INQUIRIES.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

A. Environment: The institution must be able to demonstrate a commitment to research and to the continuing development of the candidate as an independent scientist. The institution must provide assurance that the candidate is an integral part of its research and academic program and must certify that the candidate will be released from other duties and be able to devote at least 75 percent effort to the research program. The institution must also delineate the duties the candidate will be released from in order to devote at least 75 percent effort.

B. Program: The award provides up to five consecutive, 12-month appointments. At least 75 percent of the recipient's full-time professional effort must be devoted to the program and the remainder devoted to other research-related and/or teaching pursuits consistent with the objectives of the award.

C. Allowable Costs:

Salary: The NIH will provide salary and fringe benefits for the career award recipient. The total salary requested must be based on a full-time, 12-month staff appointment. It must be consistent both with the established salary structure at the institution and with salaries actually provided by the institution from its own funds to other staff members of equivalent qualifications, rank, and responsibilities in the department concerned. If full-time, 12-month salaries are not currently paid to comparable staff members, the salary proposed must be appropriately related to the existing salary structure.

Salary limits on career awards are not uniform throughout the NIH and are determined independently by each component of the NIH. Therefore, prospective candidates should contact the NIH component to which the application is targeted to ascertain the maximum contribution to the candidate's salary. In no case will the salary provided by this award exceed the current legislated maximum salary (in fiscal year 1999 the maximum salary is \$125,900).

The institution may supplement the NIH salary contribution up to a level that is consistent with the institution's salary scale; however, supplementation may not be from Federal funds unless specifically authorized by the Federal program from which such funds are derived. Because the salary amount provided by this award is based on the full-time institutional salary, funds from other NIH awards may not be used for salary supplementation. Institutional supplementation of salary must not require extra duties or responsibilities that would interfere with the purpose of the K02. Under expanded authorities, however, institutions may rebudget funds within the total costs awarded to cover salaries consistent with the institution's salary scale provided they don't exceed the current legislated maximum salary.

Research Development Support: It is expected that most candidates for a KO2 award will have research support at the time of the award. There are some research specialties, however, in which only minimal research support is needed, i.e., theoreticians, statisticians, and computer scientists. In such cases, incidental research expenses may be requested at the time of application and provided at the discretion of the individual institute or center. These funds may be used for the following expenses: (a) tuition, fees, and books related to career development; (b) research expenses, such as supplies, equipment and technical personnel; (c) travel to research meetings or training; (d) statistical and computational services including personnel and computer time. Applicants should request additional information from the relevant NIH institute or center listed under INQUIRIES

Ancillary Personnel Support: Salary for secretarial, and/or administrative assistance, etc., is not allowed.

Facilities and Administrative Costs: These costs will be reimbursed at 8 percent of modified total direct costs.

D. Evaluation: In carrying out its stewardship of human resource related programs, the NIH may begin requesting information essential to assess the effectiveness of this program. Accordingly, recipients are hereby notified that they may be contacted after the completion of this award for periodic updates on various aspects of their employment history, publications, support from research grants or contracts, honors and awards, professional activities, and other information helpful in evaluating the impact of the program.

E. Other Income: Fees resulting from clinical practice, professional consultation, or other comparable activities required by the research and research-related activities of this career award

may not be retained by the career award recipient. Such fees must be assigned to the grantee institution for disposition by any of the following methods:

The funds may be expended by the grantee institution in accordance with the NIH policy on supplementation of career award salaries and to provide fringe benefits in proportion to such supplementation. Such salary supplementation and fringe benefit payments must be within the established policies of the grantee institution.

The funds may be used for health-related research purposes.

The funds may be paid to miscellaneous receipts of the U.S. Treasury. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH and forwarded to the Director, Division of Financial Management, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. Checks must identify the relevant award account and reason for the payment.

Awardees may retain royalties and fees for activities such as scholarly writing, service on advisory groups, or honoraria from other institutions for lectures or seminars, provided these activities remain incidental and provided that the retention of such pay is consistent with the policies and practices of the grantee institution.

Usually, funds budgeted in an NIH supported research or research training grant for the salaries or fringe benefits of individuals, but freed as a result of a career award, may not be rebudgeted. The awarding component will give consideration to a written request for the use of released funds only under unusual circumstances. Any proposed retention of funds released as a result of a career award must receive prior written approval of the NIH awarding component.

F. Special Leave: Leave to another institution, including a foreign laboratory, may be permitted if the proposed experience is directly related to the purpose of the award. Only local, institutional approval is required if such leave does not exceed 3 months. For longer periods, prior written approval of the NIH funding component is required. To obtain prior approval, the award recipient must submit a letter to the NIH funding component describing the reason for the period of leave. This letter must be countersigned by his or her department head and the appropriate institutional official. A copy of a letter or other evidence from the institution where the leave is to be taken must be submitted to assure that satisfactory arrangements have been made. Support from the career award will continue during such leave.

Leave without award support may not exceed 12 months. Such leave requires the prior written approval of the NIH funding component and will be granted only in unusual situations. Support from other sources is permissible during the period of leave. Such leave does not reduce the total number of months of program support for which an individual is eligible. Parental leave will be granted consistent with the policies of the NIH and the grantee institution.

Under unusual and pressing personal circumstances, an awardee may submit a written request to the awarding component, requesting a reduction in professional effort below 75 percent. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis during the award period. It will not, however, be permissible to provide less than 50 percent effort under this award. The nature of the circumstances requiring reduced effort might include medical conditions, disability, or pressing personal or family situations such as child or elder care. Permission to reduce the level of effort will not be approved to accommodate other sources of funding, job opportunities, clinical practice, clinical training, or to adapt to any assigned duties associated with the employment role at the grantee institution. In each situation, the grantee institution must submit documentation supporting the need for reduced effort and an assurance of a continuing commitment to the scientific development of the awardee. Further, the awardee must submit assurance of his or her intention to return to full-time professional effort (at least 75 percent) as soon as possible. During the period of reduced effort, the salary and other costs supported by the award will be reduced accordingly.

G. Termination or Change of Institution: When a grantee institution plans to terminate an award, the NIH funding component must be notified in writing at the earliest possible time so that appropriate instructions can be given for termination. The Director of the NIH may discontinue an award upon determination that the purpose or terms of the award are not being fulfilled. In the event an award is terminated, the Director of the NIH shall notify the grantee institution and career award recipient in writing of this determination, the reasons therefor, the effective date, and the right to appeal the decision.

Awardees planning a change of institution, must submit to the funding NIH component in advance of the change a written request for transfer, countersigned by the appropriate institutional business official, describing the reasons for the change. The awardee must establish in this request that the specific aims of the research program to be conducted at the new institution are within the scope of the original peer reviewed research program. Staff within the NIH funding component will review this request and may require a review by an initial review group and/or the appropriate National Advisory Council or Board. Upon approval of this request, a new career award application must be submitted by the new institution, and the original grantee institution

must relinquish the grant far enough in advance of the requested effective date to permit review. The period of support requested in the new application must be no more than the time remaining within the existing award period.

A final progress report, invention statement, and Financial Status Report are required upon either termination of an award or relinquishment of an award in a change of institution situation.

INCLUSION OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

It is the policy of the NIH that women and members of minority groups and their subpopulations must be included in all NIH supported biomedical and behavioral research projects involving human subjects, unless a clear and compelling rationale and justification is provided that inclusion is inappropriate with respect to the health of the subjects or the purpose of the research. This policy results from the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (Section 492B of Public Law 103-43).

All investigators proposing research involving human subjects should read the "NIH Guidelines For Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research," which have been published in the Federal Register of March 28, 1994 (FR 59 14508-14513) and in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts, Vol. 23, No. 11, March 18, 1994 available on the web at the following URL address: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not94-100.html>

INCLUSION OF CHILDREN AS PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

It is the policy of NIH that children (i.e., individuals under the age of 21) must be included in all human subjects research, conducted or supported by the NIH, unless there are scientific and ethical reasons not to include them. This policy applies to all initial (Type 1) applications submitted for receipt dates after October 1, 1998.

All investigators proposing research involving human subjects should read the "NIH Policy and Guidelines on the Inclusion of Children as Participants in Research Involving Human Subjects" that was published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts, March 6, 1998, and is available at the following URL address: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not98-024.html>

Investigators also may obtain copies of these policies from the program staff listed under INQUIRIES. Program staff may also provide additional relevant information concerning the policy.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

This is a generic NIH program announcement for the Independent Scientist Award (K02). Therefore, all candidates are strongly encouraged to contact the staff person in the relevant institute or center listed under INQUIRIES. Such contact should occur early in the planning phase of application preparation. Such contact will help ensure that applications are responsive to the goals and policies of the individual institute or center.

Applications are to be submitted on the grant application form PHS 398 (revision 4/98) and should use the instructions in Section IV of the application kit. The application will be accepted on or before the receipt dates indicated in the application kit. Forms are available at most institutional offices of sponsored research and from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7910, Bethesda, MD 20892-7910, Phone (301) 435-0714, FAX: (301) 480-0525, Email: grantsinfo@nih.gov. Forms are also available on the NIH Website at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>.

To identify the application as a response to this program announcement, check "YES" on item 2 of page 1 of the application and enter "PA-00-020 INDEPENDENT SCIENTIST AWARD."

Submit a signed, typewritten original of the application with Checklist, and five signed photocopies, in one package to:

CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC REVIEW
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
6701 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE, ROOM 1040 - MSC 7710
BETHESDA, MD 20892-7710 or
For express/courier service use BETHESDA, MD 20817-7710

The application must include the following information:

Candidate

- o A description of the candidate's commitment to a career in biomedical or behavioral research

- o Evidence of the candidate's success as an independent investigator and his/her potential to make future contributions to the chosen field of research.

- o A description of the immediate and long-term career objectives. Explain how this award will contribute to these goals.

- o A description of how the Independent Scientist Award will further the candidate's research career and ultimate impact on science.

- o A description of how this award will relieve the candidate of current duties so that a greater portion of the candidate's effort (at least 75 percent) may be devoted to research and career development activities..

Career Development Plan

- o A description of the career development plan, incorporating consideration of the candidate's goals and prior experience.

Research Plan

- o A description of the research plan as outlined in form PHS 398 including sections on the Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Progress Report/ Preliminary Studies, Research Design and Methods.

Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research

- o A description of plans to receive or provide instruction in the responsible conduct of research. These plans must detail the proposed subject matter, format, frequency, and duration of instruction. No award will be made if an application lacks this component.

Environment and Institutional Commitment

- o The application must contain evidence of the applicant institution's commitment to the career enhancement of the candidate. Indicate the types of facilities, supplies, equipment, and human resources that will be made available to the applicant. Provide assurance that the candidate will be able to devote at least 75 percent of his/her full-time professional effort to research related activities.

Budget

o Budget requests must be provided according to the instructions in form PHS 398. The request for tuition and fees, books, travel, etc., must be justified and specified by category.

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Applications will be reviewed for completeness by the Center for Scientific Review and for responsiveness to this program announcement by the appropriate Institute or Center staff. Incomplete or non-responsive applications will be returned to the applicant without further consideration. Applications that are complete and responsive to the program announcement will be evaluated for scientific, technical, and career development merit by a peer review group convened by the sponsoring NIH Institute/Center or by the NIH Center for Scientific Review in accordance with the standard NIH peer review procedures. As part of the initial merit review, all applications will receive a written critique. Applications may undergo a streamlined review process. In this process, only those applications deemed to have the highest scientific merit, generally the top half of applications under review, will be discussed, will be assigned a priority score, and will receive a second level review by the appropriate national advisory council or board.

The following review criteria will be applied:

Candidate

- o Capacity to carry out independent research;
- o Potential to become an outstanding scientist who will make significant contributions to the field;
- o Past and present research productivity as evidenced by contributions to the scientific literature, and success in obtaining independent funding.
- o Ability to conceptualize and organize a long-term research approach; and
- o Evidence of current independent, peer-reviewed, research support;
- o Level of training, experience, and competence commensurate with the purposes of the award.

Career Development Plan

- o Likelihood that the award will contribute substantially to the continued scientific development and productivity of the candidate;
- o The extent to which the award will enable a candidate to devote full time (at least 75 percent effort) to research and related duties by release from teaching, administration, clinical work, and other responsibilities;
- o Consistency of the career development plan with the candidate's career goals; and
- o Proposed collaboration with other active investigators and other opportunities for professional growth.

Research Plan

- o Quality of research plan and potential for advancing the field of study;
- o Scientific and technical merit of the proposed research plan; and
- o Adequacy of plans to include both genders and minorities and their subgroups as appropriate for the scientific goals of the research. Plans for the recruitment and retention of subjects will also be evaluated.

Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research

- o Quality of the proposed training or instruction in areas related to the responsible conduct of research.

Environment and Institutional Commitment

- o Institutional commitment to the development of the candidate as an independent scientist and assurances that the candidate will be an integral part of its research and academic program;
- o Evidence that the candidate's full-time effort (at least 75 percent) will be set aside to pursue research and career development activities; and

o Strength of the institution's commitment to scientific research.

Budget

o Justification of budget requests in relation to career development goals and research aims and plans.

AWARD CRITERIA

The institute or center will notify the applicant of the board or council's action shortly after its meeting. Funding decisions will be made based on the recommendations of the initial review group and council/board, the need for research personnel in specific program areas, and the availability of funds.

INQUIRIES

Written and telephone inquiries concerning this PA are encouraged especially during the planning phase of the application. Below is a listing of each institute's or center's program or grants management contacts.

National Institute on Aging

Additional information about the career awards program at NIA is available from:

<http://www.nih.gov/nia/>

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NICHHD accepts K02 applications only from applicants with existing NIHCHD research support.

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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Both new and amended K02 applications submitted to NHLBI have the same annual receipt dates: February 1, June 1, and October 1.

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National Institute of Mental Health

NIMH strongly encourages prospective applicants and grantees to visit the NIMH

Research Training and Career Development Programs Website

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/grants/training.cfm> to obtain information about policies, program priorities and program staff contacts. Specific information about NIMH policy for career awards, salary, and research support, etc., can be found in the following document: NIMH Policy Update for Career Awards (K-Series) which will periodically be updated in the Research Training and Career Development Website.

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National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

The NINDS K02 Award is primarily targeted to candidates holding an M.D., M.D./Ph.D., or equivalent degree(s), but the award will support individuals holding other health professional degrees as well (e.g., D.D.S., D.O., D.V.M., and Dr. P.H.). The award supports a conditional five-year period of independent basic or clinical neuroscience research. Applicants must apply within a specific time period following completion of their clinical training, and are urged to contact the training officer as listed below regarding eligibility. Specific NINDS Guidelines for the K02 award are available from the NINDS Training and Special Programs Officer.

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AUTHORITY AND REGULATIONS

The Independent Scientist Awards are made under the authority of Title III, Section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act as amended (Public Law 78-410, as amended, 42 USC 241). The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42 Part 52, and Title 45 part 74, are applicable to this program. This program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 93.121. This program is not subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372 or Health Systems Agency review.

The PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

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