



National Institute of  
Environmental Health Sciences



# Career Development Awards From NIEHS

*The mission of the National Institute  
of Environmental Health Sciences is to  
discover how the environment affects  
people in order to promote healthier lives.*

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## Career Development

NIEHS offers a variety of targeted Career Development Awards to provide support and time for an intense career development experience in the environmental health sciences. These awards provide:

- Funds for salary and fringe benefits
- Career development costs

## Eligibility

The candidate must have the support of a university that has agreed to provide space and resources for research.

For mentored awards, a candidate must name a primary mentor who, together with the candidate, is responsible for planning, directing, monitoring, and executing the career development and research experience. Co-mentors, consultants, and contributors may also be named.

Career Development Awards supported by NIEHS are expected to focus on environmental health sciences and be responsive to the mission of NIEHS.

For most awards, applicants must be U.S. Citizens or lawful permanent residents. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible for NIH Pathway to Independence Awards (K99/R00).



## Support Mechanisms

### **Independent Scientist Award (K02)**

The K02 award provides up to five years of salary support for newly independent scientists who have recently obtained independent research funding, generally an R01 research grant from NIEHS.

The award is intended to allow the candidate protected time to focus on further development of their independent research career and does not include additional research support.

### **Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)**

The K08 award provides three to five years of salary support for researchers with clinical degrees (e.g., M.D., D.V.M., etc.).

### **Transition to Independent Environmental Health Research Career Development Award (K22)**

The K22 award provides three years of support for candidates who are within three years of their first independent faculty appointment and who have not yet obtained significant research grant funding (i.e., an R01 or equivalent). The award includes salary support and pilot funding.



### **Mentored Patient-oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)**

The K23 award provides up to five years of support for clinically trained researchers who make a commitment to focus on patient-oriented research.

### **Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-oriented Research (K24)**

The K24 award provides up to five years of support to outstanding clinical scientists who are actively engaged in patient-oriented research and within 15 years of their specialty training.

### **Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award (K25)**

The K25 award provides up to five years of support for junior faculty with quantitative scientific and engineering backgrounds, outside of biology or medicine, who are transitioning to behavioral or biomedical research.

### **NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)**

The K99/R00 award is divided into two phases. The initial phase (K99) provides up to two years of mentored, postdoctoral support. The second phase (R00) provides up to three years of independent research support, when the awardee accepts a full-time tenure track, or equivalent, faculty position.



## About NIEHS

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is one of 27 research institutes and centers that comprise the National Institutes of Health, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to in-house and grantee research programs, NIEHS is home to the National Toxicology Program. The institute also publishes a scientific journal, Environmental Health Perspectives.

For more information about NIEHS,  
visit [www.niehs.nih.gov](http://www.niehs.nih.gov).

## How to Apply

Applications are submitted online through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The time between receipt of an application and funding is approximately 6-9 months.

### **Applicants will need to provide:**

- Project summary or abstract
- Research plan
- Candidate's background
- Career goals and objectives
- Career development plan
- Statements of support from mentors, consultants, and contributors
- Description of institutional environment and support
- Letters of reference

For more information about NIEHS career awards and the latest funding opportunities, visit the NIEHS Career Development Awards page (<http://go.usa.gov/f5E>) or the NIH K Kiosk (<http://go.usa.gov/f5m>).

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