

Grant Title: MENTORED CLINICAL SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARD (K08)

PA Number: PA-00-003; PA-06-512

Area of Research: Support for clinical scientists/ researchers.

Release Date and expiration: Release-December 8, 1999; September 2, 2009 expiration.

Annual Deadline: February 1, June 1, October 1 annually

Amount: Salary and research development support for the award recipient.

Length of Support: 3-5 years

Eligible applicants: The candidate must have a clinical doctoral degree or its equivalent. Illustrative examples include, but are not limited to: MD, DDS, DMD, DO, DC, OD, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), DVM or PharmD. Individuals with the PhD or other doctoral degrees in clinical disciplines such as clinical psychology, nursing, clinical genetics, speech-language pathology, audiology and rehabilitation are also eligible. The candidate must be able to identify a mentor with extensive research experience. The candidate must be willing to spend a minimum of 75% of full-time professional effort conducting research and research career development. Some of the participating NIH institutes and centers require completion of postgraduate clinical training by the time of award.

Agency/ Department: DHHS; NIA, NIAAA, NIAID, NIAMS, NCI, NICHD, NIDCD, NIDCR, NIDDK, NIDA, NIEHS, NEI, NIGMS, NHLBI, NIMH, NINDS, NCCAM, ODS

Summary: The purpose of the Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) is to support the development of outstanding clinician research scientists. This mechanism provides specialized study for individuals with a health professional doctoral degree committed to a career in laboratory or field-based research. Candidates must have the potential to develop into independent investigators. The K08 supports a 3, 4, or 5 year period of supervised research experience that may integrate didactic studies with laboratory or clinically-based research. The proposed research must have intrinsic research importance as well as serving as a suitable vehicle for learning the methodology, theories, and conceptualizations necessary for a well trained independent researcher. Because of the focus on progression to independence, the prospective candidate should propose a period of study and development consistent with previous training and her/his career development needs. For example, a candidate with limited experience in a given field of research may find a phased developmental program lasting for five years which includes a designated period of didactic training and supervised research experience the most efficient means of attaining independence. A candidate with substantial previous research experience may require a shorter award period to facilitate the transition to independence.

Detailed Information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-003.html>