

	Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Awards in Tobacco Regulatory Research K01 (RFA-OD-18-005 and RFA-OD-18-006)	Pathway to Independence Awards in Tobacco Regulatory Research K99/R00 (RFA-OD-18-007 and RFA-OD-18-008)
Purpose	Supervised career development for individuals with doctoral degrees leading to research independence	Facilitates timely transitions from mentored postdoctoral training to independent (faculty) research position/independent research program
Career Stage	Postdoctoral or junior faculty level	Postdoctoral level with no more than 4 years postdoctoral research experience
Eligible Institutions	U.S. domestic institutions	U.S. domestic institutions
NIH Intramural Eligible	No	Yes
Eligibility	U.S. citizen or non-citizen national or lawfully admitted permanent resident	U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, lawfully admitted permanent resident, or non-citizen with appropriate working visa
Project Period	3–5 years of mentored support; devote a minimum of 75% of full-time professional effort Single phase	K99: Up to 2 years—mentored phase R00: Up to 3 years—independent phase K99 and R00 phases are linked awards. Applicant must find a tenure-track position for the R00 phase while in the K99 phase
Annual Salary Support	Up to \$90,000	K99: Up to \$90,000 R00: Total support up to \$249,000 (salary, research expenses, travel)
Annual Research Budget	Up to \$60,000	K99: Up to \$60,000 R00: Total support up to \$249,000 (salary, research expenses, travel)
Mentor Requirement	Required, no salary support allowed	Required for K99 period, no salary support allowed R00 period is independent
Research Project Grant (RPG) Applications (e.g., R01)	No timetable for submission of RPGs. However, expectation is that candidate will be competitive for an RPG at some time during the K01 award period.	The R00 is peer-reviewed at the same time as the K99. Awardee is expected to compete successfully for independent R01 support during the R00 phase.
Applications Proposing Clinical Trials	If the research proposed falls within NIH’s definition of a clinical trial , apply to the K01 – Independent Clinical Trial Required, RFA-OD-18-006 . If the research proposed does not fall within NIH’s definition of a clinical trial , apply to the K01 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed, RFA-OD-18-005 .	If the research proposed falls within NIH’s definition of a clinical trial , apply to the K99/R00 – Independent Clinical Trial Required, RFA-OD-18-008 . If the research proposed does not fall within NIH’s definition of a clinical trial , apply to the K99/R00 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed, RFA-OD-18-007 .