

	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	Provide support and protected time for an intensive, mentored career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence.	Provide support for an initial mentored research experience (K99) followed by independent research (R00) for highly qualified researchers, to secure an independent research position.
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
Citizenship Eligible	U.S. citizen or non-citizen national or lawfully admitted permanent resident	U.S. citizen or non-citizen national or lawfully admitted permanent resident
Period of Support	3–5 years Single phase	K99 1–2 years; R00 up to 3 years 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	Up to \$90,000 during K99 phase; R00 phase total support up to \$249,000 (salary plus research support)
Research Budget	Up to \$60,000 per year	Up to \$60,000 during K99 phase; R00 phase total support up to \$249,000 (salary plus research support)
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.
Clinical Trial Required/Clinical Trial Not Allowed	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 .