The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) supports programs that foster research training to develop a diverse biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research workforce dedicated to solving problems in dental, oral, and craniofacial health. The NIDCR funds research training, career development, and diversity activities.

NIDCR career development awards (K) are ideal for clinicians requiring protected research time and additional mentored training; for dentists earning PhD degrees; for quantitative scientists wishing to train in oral or craniofacial research; and for newly independent scientists seeking an intensive period of research focus to enhance their research careers.

Applications are evaluated on:

- Candidate qualifications
- Career development plan
- Research plan
- Qualifications of the mentors/collaborators (except for the nonmentored K02)
- Institutional commitment
Individual Career Development Awards

Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01)
Support for individuals from groups underrepresented in the biomedical research workforce or support for individuals who are reentering the oral, dental, and craniofacial research workforce after a qualifying career interruption. Candidates must have a doctoral degree.

Independent Scientist Award (K02)
Support for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for protected time for research. Candidates must have a doctoral degree and NIDCR R01 support.

Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)
Support for clinicians engaged in basic and translational research. Dentists may use this award to support PhD training.

Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)
Support for clinicians engaged in patient oriented research. Dentists may use the award to support PhD training.

Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award (K25)
Support for investigators with quantitative scientific and engineering backgrounds outside of biology or medicine who wish to integrate their expertise with research related to dental, oral, and craniofacial health.

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Career Development Award Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?
Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) are accessed via the Internet at https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development. A description of the program, application instructions, and a link to grants.gov for electronic submission of the application are included in the FOA. The business office of an applicant’s sponsoring institution will facilitate electronic submission.

When are applications due?
- **New Applications**: February 12, June 12, October 12.
- **Resubmission Applications**: March 12, July 12, November 12.

When are reference letters due?
A minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 letters are due at the application deadline.

Can I have more than one mentor?
Yes, applicants are encouraged to assemble a team of mentors/advisory committee members to provide comprehensive training. The role of each individual in the training process should be clearly specified.

Can I perform clinical activities during the award?
Yes, at no more than 25% effort.

When do I find out the status of my application?
Applications are reviewed and scored three times a year. Awards are made throughout the year. In general, it will take 9-12 months from submission to notice of award.

Can I reduce my effort on a mentored K to receive salary from other federal awards?
This is possible during the last 2 years of the award.

NIH FAQs on career awards:
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development
Funding Opportunity Announcements

Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award (Parent K01)

NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award To Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research Workforce (K01)

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More information is available through the NIDCR web page:
http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/careersandtraining

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