



National Institute of Dental  
and Craniofacial Research

## Pathway to Independence Awards



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 through programs targeted to undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and junior to senior faculty levels.

# NIDCR Supports Two Pathway to Independence Award Programs

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

- Open to all doctoral degree holders
- Less than 4 years of postdoctoral research at submission deadline
- 75% effort
- 2 years of mentored training (K99)
- 3 years of independent support (R00)
- U.S. citizens/permanent residents and non-citizens are eligible to apply

## NIDCR Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)

- Eligibility limited to dual degree DDS/DMD-PhD dentist scientists
- Less than 4 years of postdoctoral research at submission deadline
- 75% effort
- 2 years of mentored training (K99)
- 3-5 years of independent support (R00)
- U.S. citizens/permanent residents and non-citizens are eligible to apply

## K99/R00 Award Timeline



1. Application proposes research and career development activities for both phases
2. K99 phase awarded
3. Principal investigator (PI) identifies a tenure track (or equivalent) position
4. R00 transition application submitted to NIDCR from new sponsoring institution (includes new budget)
5. R00 phase awarded

<b>K99/R00</b> <b>Budget,</b> <b>Per Year</b>	<b>K99 Phase:</b>	
	Salary	Up to \$100,000
	Fringe	Institutional rate
	Research	\$25,000
	<b>R00 Phase:</b>	
Total Costs (Direct and Indirect)	\$249,000	

## Frequently Asked Questions K99/R00:

### **How is the 4 year postdoctoral research limit determined?**

Eligibility is evaluated at each submission deadline. Eligibility of dual degree dentist scientists is determined from the date of the most recent doctoral degree. Time away from research is not counted.

### **Do I need to identify my R00 phase institution in my K99/R00 application?**

No, an applicant must include proposed research and career development plans for the R00 phase, but the sponsoring institution should not be identified in the initial application.

### **Can I have more than one mentor?**

Yes, applicants are encouraged to assemble a team of mentors/advisors to provide comprehensive training. The role of each individual in the career development plans of the applicant should be clearly described.

### **When do I find out my status?**

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 activate the R00 phase early?**

Early transition to the R00 phase is allowed on a case-by-case basis. For the Dentist Scientist K99/R00, early transition will be considered if the PI had 2 years of postdoctoral experience prior to the award.

### **How can a Dentist Scientist K99/R00 qualify for a 7 year project period?**

An application must propose a program of part-time clinical specialty training to be completed during the R00 phase of the award. The applicant must justify why the specialty will enhance his/her academic research career. If the PI is subsequently hired by an institution that will provide this training, in-kind at no more than 25% effort, the R00 phase will be extended from 3 to 5 years. If this does not occur, the PI will receive a 3 year R00 phase.

### **What specialties will qualify for the NIDCR Dentist Scientist R00 phase extension?**

Specialties recognized by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association.

### **Do I need to request clinical specialty training for the Dentist Scientist K99/R00?**

No, this is just an option. Dentist scientists who do not require clinical specialty training are also strongly encouraged to apply. In these cases, a 3 year R00 project is appropriate.

### **NIH FAQs**

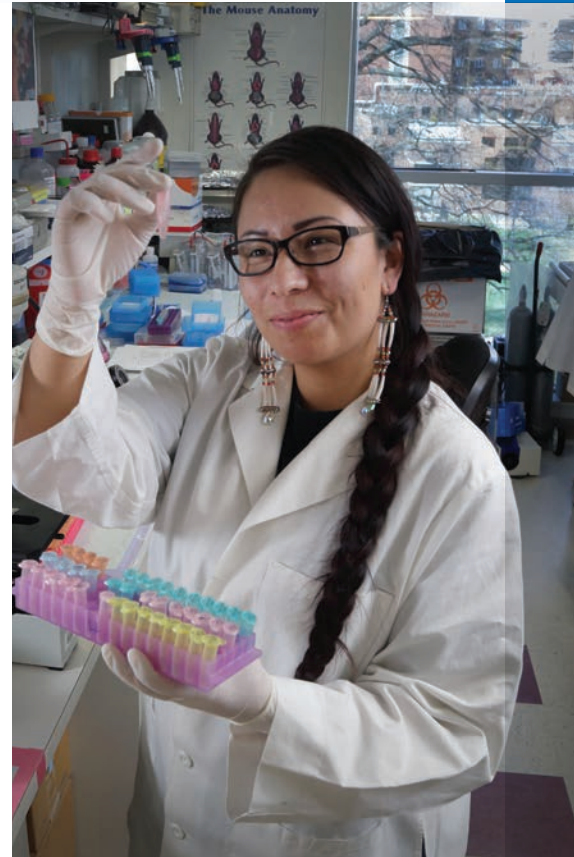
<https://researchtraining.nih.gov/resources/faq>



## Funding Opportunity Announcements

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00)

NIDCR Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)



More information is available through the NIDCR web page:

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/careersandtraining>



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