

# File Checklist for Career Development Award (K) (E-forms)



File Type	Comments	Page Limits
Cover letter*	<b>Mandatory</b> Applicants must include a cover letter that contains a list of referees (including name, departmental affiliation, and institution).	No page limit but normally not longer than two pages
Abstract*	A succinct and accurate description of the proposed work and should be able to stand on its own (separate from the application). This section should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields and understandable to a scientifically literate  The same one should be uploaded on the internal routing program	½ page or 30 lines
Narrative*	Should be in lay language	¼ page or 2-3 sentences
Facilities and other resources	The same one should be uploaded on the internal routing program	No limit
Equipment	The same one should be uploaded on the internal routing program. Can be include in facilities.	No limit
Bibliography & References Cited*		No limit (unless stated)
Bios*	Make sure using the most current form, expires in 2020. All Mentors should be senior/key people. Only include collaborators, consultants, and advisory committee members' bios if they contribute in a substantive meaningful way to your career development or the project.	5-page limit
Current and Pending Support	For mentored career development proposals, you <b>MUST</b> include current and pending support as a separate uploads for each mentor/co-mentor.	3-page limit
Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development**	Should be organized into three sections in this specific order: Candidate's Background, Career Goals and Objectives, and Candidate's Plan for Career Development/Training Activities During Award Period. Also include any additional information requested in the FOA	<b>12 page limit for this and the Research Strategy</b>
Specific Aims*		1-page limit
Research Strategy*	Organize the Research Strategy in the specified order: Significance, Innovation and Approach.	<b>12 page limit for this and the Candidate Information...</b>

Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research*	The plan must address the five required instructional components: format, subject matter, faculty participation, duration of instruction, and frequency of instruction; outlined in the NIH Policy on Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).	1-page limit
Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-Mentor(s)	See chart below, on page 4, to see if you need to complete this section. Mentors must document their role and willingness to participate in the project, and explain how they will contribute to the development of the candidate's research career.	6-page limit
Description of Institutional Environment*	Describe the institution's research and career development opportunities related to your area(s) of interest, including the names of key faculty members and other investigators relevant to your proposed developmental plan and capable of productive collaboration with the candidate. Indicate how the necessary facilities and other resources will be made available for both career enhancement and the research proposed in this application	1-page limit
Institutional Commitment to the Candidate's Research Career Development*	The sponsoring institution must provide a document on institutional letterhead that describes its commitment to the candidate and the candidate's career development, independent of the receipt of the CDA. It is also essential to document the institution's commitment to the retention, development, and advancement of the candidate during the period of the award. <b>This letter must be signed by the chair or dean of your department</b>	1-page limit
Vertebrate Animals	Should only be uploaded if working with Animals.	No limit but there are specific items that need to be addressed
Candidate's Plan for provide Mentoring	<b>Include only when required by the specific FOA (K24 and K05)</b>	6-page limit
Letters of Support from Collaborators, Contributors & Consultants*	Note that letters of support are not the same as letters of reference. Letters of support from collaborators, contributors, and consultants will be required for any such person who will contribute to the scientific development or execution of CDA application's proposed project.	6-page limit
Resource Sharing Plan		No Limit but normally not longer than a page
Authentication of key biological and / or chemical resources		No Limit
Introduction	Mandatory for <b>resubmissions</b>	1-page limit

\* Mandatory documents

## Things to keep in mind when submitting a Career Development (K) Award

Regarding the budget:

- For K proposals you **MUST** use the detailed budget form.
- But only your salary information should be included as senior/key. Although most ICs limit the amount of salary that can be awarded, applicants should include information on actual institutional based salary and fringe benefits and the actual amount of salary and fringe being requested.
- The maximum MTDC based IDC is 8%.

### General Items

- “Multiple PD/PIs” submissions are not applicable to career development award applications.
- In determining which individuals to identify as “Senior/Key,” mentored career development award applicants may wish to keep in mind that those listed as senior/key personnel on the application should not be asked to provide reference letters. Reference letter as opposed to letters of support are expected to be from individuals not directly involved in the application
- Under the Senior/Key Person tab, mentors and co-mentors, should be classified as “Other Professional” for the “Project Role” field, and enter “Mentor” or “Co-mentor” as applicable in the “Other Project Role Category” field.
- For mentored career development proposals, you **MUST** include current and pending support separate uploads for each mentor.
- You must be a citizen or non-citizen national of the United States or its possessions and territories, or must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence by the time of award EXCEPT if any of the following apply:
  - You are applying to the K99/R00 award program;
  - You are applying to the K43 award program; or
  - The FOA specifies otherwise
- There are only three situations where a K application can include human subjects and/or clinical trial research:
  - Not proposing a clinical trial - just the use of human subjects,
  - Proposing an independent clinical trial as allowed by the FOA or
  - You are proposing to gain clinical trial research experience under a mentor's supervision (i.e., you will not be leading an independent clinical trial) Do not provide information in “Section 4 – Protocol Synopsis” or in “Section 5 – Other Clinical Trial-related Attachments” of the Study Record. Inputting information into these sections will result in errors and will prevent your application from being accepted.

Note: You should always read the specific FA to see if it deviates from the standard requirements. You should also see if any other files or appendix material are allow or required. If it is not specified these items should not be included. Contact the Office of Clinical Award Administration 8-4490/ [SOMCAA@stonybrookmedicine.edu](mailto:SOMCAA@stonybrookmedicine.edu) , if you have any questions on what is required for a complete submission.

For more detailed information refer to the general guidelines <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-e/career-forms-e.pdf>

The chart below provides a summary of the existing 14 types of NIH individual career development programs. Since this information is subject to change, prospective applicants are encouraged to review the [K Kiosk](#) for the most current program information.

**Summary of Research Career Development Award Programs**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Reference Letter</b>
K01	Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award	Yes	Yes
K02	Independent Research Scientist Development Award	No	No
K05	Senior Research Scientist Award	No	No
K07	Academic Career Development Award	*	*
K08	Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award	Yes	Yes
K18	Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators	Yes	Yes
K22	Career Transition Award	*	Yes
K23	Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award	Yes	Yes
K24	Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research	No	No
K25	Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development Award	Yes	Yes
K26	Mid-Career Investigator Award in Biomedical and Behavioral Research	No	No
K43	Emerging Global Leader Award	Yes	Yes
K76	Emerging Leaders Career Development Award	Yes	Yes
K99/R00	Pathways to Independence Award	Yes	Yes

\*Varies with career status and source of award. Check the FOA.