

## **How to Write a Successful NIH Career Development Award (K Award)**

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**Additional details will be forthcoming.**

One of the greatest challenges in establishing an academic career is bridging the gap between the beginning stages of such a career as a doctoral student, post-doc, or fellow, and the subsequent one as a scientist able to contribute to his/her scientific/clinical area. This gap has been well recognized by both the NIH and by national (and local) scientific organizations, and funding mechanisms and policies have been established to facilitate this transition.

This workshop will help fellows and young investigators understand the different K award mechanisms. It will propose strategies to optimize funding opportunities to assist faculty to successfully complete the challenging transition to established investigator. The changing perspective in a time of tight federal budgets makes it imperative that each applicant submit an outstanding application. This presentation is very timely for both assistant professors and entry-level researchers interested in submitting an application and for potential mentors.

Dr. Mark Roltsch, a former National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Program Officer and Scientific Review Officer who has led and organized over 80 peer review study sections, created this presentation to share his insight from years of career development awards review experience and program management. He will also share his knowledge of the internal workings of NIH grants with young investigators to enhance attendees' knowledge of what is needed to write a successful career development grant and how to avoid some common pitfalls. Attendees should leave the presentation with a clear direction and timeline of what they need to accomplish to submit a K award application.