**Boston University Medical Campus**  
**LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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**SUBJECT:** NCI – Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)

**OBJECTIVES:** The objective of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) is to identify and encourage outstanding graduate students who are recognized by their institutions as having high potential and strong interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers, and then to facilitate their successful transition to postdoctoral positions.

The F99/K00 award is intended for individuals who require 1-2 years to complete their PhD dissertation research training (F99 phase) before transitioning to mentored postdoctoral research training (K00 phase). Consequently, applicants are expected to propose an individualized research training plan for the next 1-2 years of dissertation research training and a plan for 3-4 years of mentored postdoctoral research and career development activities that will prepare them for independent cancer-focused research careers.

The F99/K00 award is meant to provide up to 6 years of support in two phases. The initial (F99) phase will provide support for 1-2 years of dissertation research (final experiments, dissertation preparation, and selection of a postdoctoral mentor). The second (K00) phase will provide up to 4 years of mentored postdoctoral research and career development support, contingent upon successful completion of the doctoral degree requirements and securing a cancer-focused postdoctoral position. The two award phases are intended to be continuous in time. A K00 award will be made only to a PD/PI who has successfully completed the F99-supported training, secured a cancer-focused postdoctoral appointment, and provided NCI with a strong research and career development plan.

**Note:** This funding opportunity does not allow applicants to propose to lead an independent clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor.

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** NCI intends to commit $1.1 M to fund up to 24 awards in FY2021. For the F99 phase, award budgets are composed of stipends, tuition and fees, and institutional allowance, as described below. For the K00 phase, award budgets are composed of salary and fringe benefits, tuition and fees, research and career development support, and indirect costs, as described below.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The F99/K00 award may not be used to support studies leading to the MD, DDS, or other clinical, health-professional degree (e.g., DC, DMD, DNP, DO, DPM, DVM, ND, OD, AuD). Students matriculated in a dual-degree program (e.g. MD/PhD, DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, or DVM/PhD) are not eligible for the F99/K00 program. For more details about eligibility visit the [NIH eligibility section page](#).

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** Interested BUMC investigators should submit the following materials listed below via [InfoReady Review](#) by Friday, Oct. 9, 2020. If you are a BMC investigator...
and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation
Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org by **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020**.

- Questions outlined in [InfoReady Review application](#);
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project;
- A brief budget outline for the proposed research;
- Up-to-date CV or biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:**

- Internal Materials Due: Friday, Oct. 9, 2020
- NIH Deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020

*In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](#).*