TO: BUMC Faculty

FROM: Andrew W. Taylor, Associate Dean for Research, BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

DATE: Nov. 29, 2022

SUBJECT: NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researchers

OBJECTIVES: The purpose of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NCI-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed for postdoctoral fellows with research and/or clinical doctoral degrees who do not require an extended period of mentored research training beyond their doctoral degrees. The objective of this award is to facilitate a timely transition of these fellows from their mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent tenure-track (or equivalent) faculty positions. The program will provide independent NCI research support during this transition to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Researchers in the scientific areas of data science and cancer control science are especially encouraged to work with their institutions to apply.

These three linked RFAs below represent three distinct companion RFAs under the umbrella of this announcement. The eligibility restrictions detailed below treat applications to any of these three RFAs as a combined set.


FUNDING INFORMATION:
- K99 phase up to $100,000 per year
- R00 phase up to $249,000 per year

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: There is an opportunity for a combined total of three applications (one in Data Science, one in Cancer Control Science, and one in Other Sciences) to any companion RFA or any combination of companion RFAs. BUMC investigators should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by Friday, Dec. 16, 2022. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jess Howard, Associate Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at Jessica.Howard@bmc.org by Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application
- A letter of recommendation from the appropriate department chair or faculty member
A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievement, proposed project, and an overview of the candidate’s path from prior experience through the proposed transition to independence

- Up-to-date CV or biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from the MED campus will review the internal proposals and select the nominees.

**DEADLINES:** Internal Materials Due: Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 | Sponsor Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023

_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._