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# Timing Your Research Career

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# Learning Objectives

## To Consider:

- When during fellowship should a fellow shift focus from conducting research and writing papers to writing a career development award?
- Why is having funding for research necessary from a section chief's perspective?
- What is a K award and what is needed to be ready to write one?
- Are there alternatives to a career development award?

# Elements of a Career Development Plan

- Clear statement of what you hope to achieve
- Explicit activities designed to achieve goals
- Specific aspects of advanced research training and professional skills (e.g., training in grant writing)
- Create a timeline for matching goals to training
- Produce specified publications
- Clarify how your institutional environment will help