

## ***American Vascular Association/American College of Surgeons and NHLBI Jointly Sponsored Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08)***

The American Vascular Association (AVA)/American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), DHHS announce a program that will provide supplemental funding to an individual who receives an NHLBI Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) directed at vascular surgeon scientists in the early stages of their research careers.

**Purpose:** The AVA/ACS is offering this award jointly with the NHLBI as a means to facilitate the research career development of individuals pursuing a career in vascular research. **This award will provide financial support over and above that offered by the NHLBI K08 mechanism .**

The objective of the Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08) is to continue the long standing NIH support of didactic study and mentored research for individuals with clinical doctoral degrees (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.O., D.C., O.D., N.D., D.V.M., Pharm.D., or Ph.D. in clinical disciplines). This award provides support and “protected time” for an intensive, supervised research career development experience in the fields of biomedical or behavioral research, including translational research. For the purpose of this award, translational research is defined as application of basic research discoveries toward the diagnosis, management, and prevention of disease.

The K08 award supports a three, four, or five year period of supervised research experience. The proposed research must have intrinsic research importance as well as serving as a suitable vehicle for learning the methodology, theories, and conceptualizations necessary for a well trained independent researcher.

The K08 award may be used by candidates with different levels of prior research training and at different stages in their career development. For example, a candidate with limited experience in a given field of research may use an award to support a career development experience that includes a designated period of didactic training followed by a period of closely supervised research experience. A candidate with previous research experience and training may not require extensive additional didactic preparation, and may use an award to support a career development experience that focuses on an intensive, supervised research experience.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The candidate must have a M.D. degree or its equivalent, must have completed postgraduate clinical training in vascular surgery, must identify a mentor with extensive research experience, and must be willing to spend a minimum of 75 percent of full time professional effort conducting research and research career development.

**Salary Support:** The AVA and the NHLBI will each provide salary and fringe benefits for the MCSDA recipient. The NHLBI will award up to \$75,000 per year up to five years and the AVA/ACS will provide \$50,000 up to five years in direct costs to the institution of the awardee.

**Awards in response to this program announcement will use the K08 mechanism.** Applications should conform to the guidelines published for the NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) available at the following address:

**<http://grants.nih.gov/training/careerdevelopmentawards.htm>**

In addition, supplemental information for the NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) is available at the following address:

**<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HL-00-002.html>**

Applications are to be prepared using Section IV of the grant application form PHS 398 and will be accepted on or before the receipt **deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year. The form may be printed from the NIH website at the following address:

**<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>**

Please note that the maximum salary budget to be requested of the NHLBI using Form PHS 398 is \$75,000. Any request over \$75,000 in salary support may be cause for rejection of the application by the Center for Scientific Review of the NIH. As a function of the overall awards program and separate and distinct from the NHLBI application, the AVA will be contributing \$50,000 in addition to whatever is awarded by the NHLBI under the KO8 provisions.

**To identify the application as a response to this program announcement:**

- Check YES on item 2 of page 1 of the application and enter “PA-00-003 Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award.
- Submit a signed, typewritten original of the application with Checklist and five signed photocopies, in one package to: Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1040, MSC 7710, Bethesda, MD 20892-7710
- Submit ten signed photocopies to the AVA Research and Education Committee, 633 N. Saint Clair Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60611.
- Submit one photocopy to: Jane D. Scott, ScD, MSN, FAHA, Leader, Research Training and Special Programs, Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 9212, Bethesda, MD 20892-7956.

**Review Considerations:** Applications will be reviewed for completeness by the Center for Scientific Review and for responsiveness to this program announcement by the AVA and by the NHLBI. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant without further consideration. Applications that are complete and responsive to the program announcement will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by an appropriate peer review group convened at the NHLBI in accordance with the standard NIH peer review procedures. Representatives of the AVA Research and Education Committee will participate in the NIH peer review group. As part of the initial merit review, all applications will receive a written critique and undergo a process in which only those applications deemed to have the highest scientific merit, generally the top half of applications under review, will be discussed, assigned a priority score, and receive a second level review by the appropriate advisory council or board. The applications will also receive a secondary review by the AVA Research and Education Committee.

**Award Process:** The AVA and the NHLBI will notify the applicants of the joint action of the Research and Education Committee and the NHLBI Council shortly after the Council meeting in February. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Vascular Surgery in June of each year.

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