**Estimated Award Amount:** Salary & other program expenses

**JHU Nomination Limit:** 3 (1 per distinct scientific area combined with RFA-CA-20-056 and RFA-CA-20-057)

**Deadlines:**
- **Internal Application:** January 5, 2021
- **Full Application:** February 26, 2021

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**Opportunity Summary:**

The purpose of this 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 career development 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 apply.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in NOT-OD-18-212 as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind.

**Eligibility & Requirements:**

- Candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain confirmation of their eligibility from NCI before seeking institutional nomination.
- Candidates must apply under one of these scientific areas: a) data science, b) cancer control science or, c) other sciences (see RFA).
- For this RFA, K99/R00 applicants must have no more than 2 years of postdoctoral research experience as of the application due date (some exceptions apply).
- Individuals must be in mentored, postdoctoral positions to be eligible to apply to the K99/R00 program and must identify a mentor who will supervise the proposed career development and research experience.
- Candidates must have a clinical or research doctorate (including PhD, MD, DO, DC, ND, DDS, DMD, DVM, ScD, DNS, PharmD or equivalent doctoral degrees). Clinicians (including those with MD, DDS, DVM and other licensed health professionals) in a clinical faculty position that denotes independence in clinical responsibilities but not in research may also be eligible for the K99/R00 award.
- At the time of award, the candidate must have a “full-time” appointment at the applicant institution. Candidates are required to commit a minimum of nine person months of effort (i.e., 75% of full-time professional effort) to their program of career development during the mentored phase.

**Internal Nomination Process:**

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. **JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet**
2. State which scientific area you are applying under
3. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
4. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.