Temporary Extension of Eligibility for the NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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NOT-OD-20-158 announces that NIH will be providing up to a two-receipt cycle extension (roughly eight additional months) of eligibility for prospective K99/R00 applicants who have/will reach the 4 year eligibility threshold while experiencing delays in submitting an application due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension will apply only to eligible applicants submitting new and resubmission K99/R00 applications under parent announcements PA-20-187, PA-20-188, and PA-20-189, which will be automatically accepted by NIH. This extension is temporary and subject to change. K99 applicants who wish to receive non-COVID-related extensions, (e.g. for childbirth, adoption, family leave, etc.) must continue to provide relevant documentation.

For Example:

- Individuals whose eligibility ended with the June/July 12, 2020 due dates, the temporary extension would allow them to apply for the K99/R00 in October/November 2020 or February/March 2021.
- Individuals whose eligibility would normally end with October/November 12, 2020 due dates, the temporary extension would allow them to apply in February/March 2021 or June/July 2021.
- Individuals whose eligibility would normally end with February/March 12, 2021 due dates, the temporary extension would allow them to apply in June/July 2021 or October/November 2021.

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