Notice to Extend Eligibility for Submissions of NIAID K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award Applications (and Physician-Scientist K99/R00) Due to COVID-Related Disruptions

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NOT-AI-20-068 announces that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) will extend the 48-month eligibility requirement for submission of K99/R00 applications due to COVID-related disruptions.

Subject to future updates, NIAID will provide a 2-receipt cycle extension (roughly 8 additional months) of eligibility for individuals who were eligible to apply for the K99/R00, under normal eligibility rules, between June/July 2020 and February/March 2021 (inclusive of these dates). In addition, those who normally would have been eligible to apply for the June/July 2021 receipt date will have a 1-receipt cycle (roughly 4 months) extension.

Examples:

- Individuals whose eligibility ended with the June/July 12, 2020 submission dates, the 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 the February/March 12, 2021 due date, the extension would allow them to apply through the October/November 2021 due dates.
- Individuals whose eligibility would normally end with June/July 12, 2021 due date, the extension would allow them to apply through the October/November 2021 due dates.

Please Note:

- If the final due date at which an individual could apply was for the February/March 12, 2020 due dates, this individual is no longer eligible for the K99/R00.
- If an individual’s eligibility is good through the June/July 2020 due dates and the review of their February/March submission was not completed in time to be resubmitted at the June/July 2020 due date, the individual is no longer eligible to apply for the K99/R00 and may not receive an extension.
- An individual who has applied twice for the K99/R00 is not eligible for an extension.

Reminder:

- K99 applicants who wish to receive non-COVID-related extensions, (e.g. for childbirth, adoption, family leave, etc.) must continue to provide relevant documentation.