Requesting Extensions for Early Career Scientists Whose Career Trajectories Have Been Significantly Impacted by COVID-19

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NOT-OD-21-052 informs recipients of NIH individual fellowships (F series) and NIH career development awards (K series) that NIH is providing an opportunity to request extensions to those whose career tracks have been impacted by COVID-19.

No-Cost Extension

Most NIH award recipients may extend the final budget period up to 12 months without prior approval. Recipients of individual fellowships and some career development awards, e.g. K99 may submit requests for extension. Recipients may also submit prior approval requests for a second no-cost extension. Requests will be considered by ICs on a case-by-case bases. Recipients should work with their OSR Staff.

Funded Extension

Requests for funded extensions from recipients of individual fellowships (F) and career development awards (K) will be considered on a case-by-case basis by each IC. Recipients should work with their OSR Staff.

All requests must include a justification outlining the impact of COVID-19 on the recipient’s training or career development activities.

See the Notice for details and where to send inquiries.