The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)

is to help outstanding postdoctoral researchers complete needed, mentored training and transition in a timely manner to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions.

The K99/R00 award is intended to foster the development of a creative, independent research program that will be competitive for subsequent independent funding and that will help advance the mission of the NIH. Applicants must have no more than 4 years of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the initial (new) or the subsequent resubmission application.

The K99/R00 award is intended for individuals who require at least 12 months of mentored career development (K99 phase) before transitioning to the R00 award phase of the program. Consequently, the strongest applicants will require, and will propose, a well-conceived plan for 1–2 years of substantive mentored career development activities that will help them become competitive candidates for tenure-track faculty positions and prepare them to launch robust, independent research programs. PA-20-188: NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Panelists and Experience:

Review Committee Members:	Award Recipients:	Moderator:
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Agenda:

1:00	Welcome, Jon Meyer; Introductions
1:05 – 1:35	Comments, insight and observations from Panelists – @ 5 min each
1:35 – 1:55	Q&A – submitted in advance and in-person
1:55-2:00	Closing, Jon Meyer

Panelists address the following:
1. What are the top 3 things you think are most compelling for a competitive proposal?
2. How can applicants best define their potential to be an independent investigator?
3. What should potential applicants be doing NOW to better prepare themselves to be competitive applicants?
4. What issues, if any, are there in transitioning from the K99 to the R01 portion?