**LIMITED SUBMISSION – One institutional applicant will be selected.**

**NIH National Cancer Institute Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)**

**Important dates:**
- October 16, 2019 – Pre-applications due to Office of Graduate Studies
- October 25, 2019 – Notifications sent to all applicants
- November 4, 2019 – Letter of Intent due to NCI (submitted by Graduate Studies)
- December 4, 2019 – Final application due to NCI (institutional submission, will come from Graduate Studies)

The objective of the NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) is to identify and encourage outstanding graduate students who are recognized by their institutions as having high potential and strong interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers, and then to facilitate their successful transition to postdoctoral positions.

The F99/K00 award is intended for individuals who require 1-2 years to complete their Ph.D. dissertation research training (F99 phase) before transitioning to mentored postdoctoral research training (K00 phase). Consequently, applicants are expected to propose an individualized research training plan for the next 1-2 years of dissertation research training and a plan for 3-4 years of mentored postdoctoral research and career development activities that will prepare them for independent cancer-focused research careers.

The F99/K00 award is meant to provide up to 6 years of support in two phases. The initial (F99) phase will provide support for 1-2 years of dissertation research (final experiments, dissertation preparation, and selection of a postdoctoral mentor). The transition (K00) phase will provide up to 4 years of mentored postdoctoral research and career development support, contingent upon successful completion of the doctoral degree requirements and securing a cancer-focused postdoctoral position. The two award phases are intended to be continuous in time. A K00 award will be made only to a PD/PI who has successfully completed the F99-supported training, secured a cancer-focused postdoctoral appointment, and provided NCI with a strong research and career development plan.

**To Submit a Pre-Application to Office of Graduate Studies:**

Please submit the below materials as a single PDF to Amineh Helalian (ahelalian@ucdavis.edu) by 5:00pm on October 16, 2019.

- Biographical sketch (5 pages maximum); please follow the NIH fellowship instructions for biosketches found at [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)
- Applicant’s background and goals for fellowship training (6 pages maximum); from Section IV in RFA. Should address doctoral dissertation and research experience, training goals and objectives, and activities planned under this award.
- Specific Aims (1 page maximum); from Section IV in RFA
- Research Strategy (6 page maximum); from Section IV in RFA

Pre-applications will be reviewed and the selected institutional applicant will be notified no later than October 25, 2019. Please note that this is an institutional submission and Graduate Studies will submit
the LOI and final application. Please contact Amineh Helalian if you have any questions about the pre-application process. An informational webinar from the sponsor may be found online.

* There is no limit on the number of K00 transition phase applications that may be submitted on behalf of F99 awardees. Please contact Graduate Studies as soon as possible if you are a F99 awardee and will be applying for a K00.