Career Devlopment “K” Awards Overview

as a Source for Cost Sharing Sharing

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**What is a K Award?**

* A type of grant developed by NIH designed to ensure that there is a diverse pool of highly trained scientists available to address the Nation’s biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs.

**What are the different categories and types of K Awards?** (Note, all %s are based on full time professional effort)

* Individual Mentored: Provides intensive research career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor with the goal of developing an independent research career. Typically for junior researchers.
	+ K01, K07 (Developmental), K08, K18, K22, K23, K25, K99/R00.
	+ Normally require 75% effort.
	+ Exception: K18, a shorter term award, 20% - 50% effort required.
* Non-Mentored: Fosters the development of outstanding scientists to enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research.
	+ K02, K05, K07 (Leadership), K24.
	+ Normally 25%-50%.
	+ Exception: K07 75% effort required.
* Institutional: Provides support to an institution for development of independent basic or clinical scientists.
	+ K12 (Mentored Scholars), KL2 (K12 component Mentored Scholars), K30.
	+ Normally 75% effort required for Scholars.
	+ Exception: K30 requires 20% for Program Director and 40% effort when combined with Co-Director.

**What is the process for documenting effort on K Awards requiring 75% effort?**

* Faculty who are paid on a K Award are identified with a “K” in the K column on the MyFaculty List in eFECS.
* Determine who the PI (mentee) faculty is on the award and the percent effort commitment.
* Determine if cost sharing is required. If the level of paid effort on the K Award for the mentee meets the requirement (e.g. 75%) no cost sharing is required.
	+ Salary cap cost sharing can be included in this total as it is considered effort on the K Award.
* Determine if the K Award was in effect for the entire cycle. If it was not, prorate the percent effort requirement accordingly and compare to the paid effort. If the paid effort meets the prorated requirement no cost sharing is required.
* If cost sharing is needed to satisfy the required commitment, click the “Adjust View Cost Share” button on the online FEC, then click “Add Item” and select the K Award budget. Indicate the “Type” as “K.” Document the required percentage of cost sharing. For detailed instructions see [How to add K Award Cost Share to the FEC](http://f2.washington.edu/fm/maa/faculty-effort-certification-fec/job-aids/how-add-k-award-cost-share-fec).
* Special circumstances:
	+ Faculty less than 100% FTE: use the K Award Calculator for FTE less than 1: <http://f2.washington.edu/fm/maa/sites/default/files/K%20Award%20Calculator%20FTE%20Less%20than%201_0.xlsx>
	+ For other special circumstances, use pre-defined and additional comments: <http://f2.washington.edu/fm/maa/faculty-effort-certification-fec/using-efecs-system/making-changes-efecs/using-comments>

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