The selection process for this limited competition is being coordinated by the UVM Cancer Center.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has recently announced the NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) (see the description at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-17-014.html) with a deadline date of February 17, 2017. Institutions are limited to one nomination each year.

The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree and be currently enrolled as a graduate student in the third or fourth year of a mentored PhD or equivalent research degree program (e.g., DrPH, ScD) in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences at a domestic institution. The applicant must be at the dissertation research stage of training at the time of award, and must show evidence of high academic performance in the sciences and commitment to a career as an independent cancer research scientist. There is no citizenship requirement for this award and F31 applicants and current awardees are eligible.

The F99/K00 award may not be used to support studies leading to the MD, DDS, or other clinical, health-professional degree (e.g., DC, DMD, DNP, DO, DPM, DVM, ND, OD, AuD). Students matriculated in a dual-degree program (e.g. MD/PhD, DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, or DVM/PhD) are not eligible for the F99/K00 program.

The F99/K00 award is intended for graduate students 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 funding opportunity provides up to 6 years of research support. 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 career development support, contingent upon successful completion of the dissertation degree requirements and securing a postdoctoral position (preferably in a different institution) for further research and career development training leading to research independence.

If you are interested in being the UVM applicant for this competition please contact edward.north@uvm.edu no later than January 3, 2017.