By continuing with this survey, you agree to participate in providing feedback related to the NCI K08 program. All questions are optional, and you may exit the survey at any time. The information you provide will remain secure to the extend permitted by law – no individual responses will be shared with any NCI staff and your responses will not be associated with your name. All information will be reported in aggregate and will be used to make improvements to the NCI K08 program.

1. Please list all your doctoral degrees below.

2. How many years after your clinical doctoral degree did you receive your NCI K08 funding?

3. What is your current percentage of dedicated research time?

4. Did you receive an NCI K08 award to promote diversity through the NCI Center for Cancer Health Equity (formerly known as the Center for Cancer Health Disparities)?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Don't Know

5. How did you hear about the NCI K08 award? (Select all that apply.)

☐ Mentor recommended

☐ Peer recommended

☐ Institution recommended

☐ NIH Communication (email, website, social media, Program Officer, etc.)

☐ Other (please specify)

6. Receiving the NCI K08 helped me to establish an independent research career (Select all that apply).

- ☐ Yes, I am an independently funded PI
- ☐ Yes, I am the PI of an established lab at my institution
- ☐ Yes, and I had to decrease my impact in the clinic to do so
- ☐ Yes, it helped me to secure a tenure-track position
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ No, my focus is on the clinic
- ☐ No, for other reasons

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7. Rate the importance of the following features of the NCI K08 program on a scale from 1-5, 1 being low importance and 5 being high importance.

	Very Low Importance	Low Importance	Average Importance	High Importance	Very High Importance
Protected time	○	○	○	○	○
Salary support	○	○	○	○	○
Mentor relationship	○	○	○	○	○
Research training	○	○	○	○	○
Professional development (e.g., grant writing, professional development workshop)	○	○	○	○	○

Other (please specify)

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8. How did the increase in the NCI K08 PI salary cap to the legislative salary cap affect (implemented in 2017) impact your decision to apply for a K08 award (2024 legislative salary cap: $212,100)?

- ○ High impact
- ○ Low impact
- ○ Would have preferred more research support
- ○ Does not apply

9. How supportive was your institution in facilitating your research independence?

- ○ Very supportive
- ○ Moderately supportive
- ○ Not supportive at all

10. Did your K08 institution provide career development courses and workshops?

○ Yes

○ No (skip to question 12)

11. If your K08 institution provided career development courses and workshops, which did you take advantage of? (Select all that apply)

☐ I did not take advantage of any career development courses or workshops

☐ Grant writing courses

☐ Mock study sections

☐ Didactic training

☐ K-club or networking with other NIH/NCI K awardees and potential applicants

☐ Leadership training

☐ Other (please specify)

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12. Rate the involvement of your mentor in achieving the following objectives of the NCI K08 program on a scale from 1-5, 1 being low involvement and 5 being high involvement.

	Very Low Involvement	Low Involvement	Average Involvement	High Involvement	Very High Involvement
Professional development	○	○	○	○	○
Research training	○	○	○	○	○
Research independence	○	○	○	○	○
Research productivity	○	○	○	○	○

13. After the NCI K08 award, were you motivated to continue your research career for any of the following reasons (Select all that apply).

☐ The K08 prepared me for my research independence

☐ I secured subsequent R01 or equivalent funding from NIH

☐ I secured funding for my research from a different source (Name Free Text)

☐ I was committed to my research

☐ I was guaranteed protected time

☐ Other (please specify)

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14. Rate the following features of the NCI K08 program, on a scale from 1-5, 1 being needs improvement and 5 being satisfied.

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissastisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Salary cap	○	○	○	○	○
K08 Research Development support cap (current limit is $50K annually)	○	○	○	○	○
Eligibility criteria for the K08	○	○	○	○	○
K08 award duration	○	○	○	○	○
K08 level of effort requirements	○	○	○	○	○

15. We are also interested in conducting an informal 10–15-minute phone interview with you to further explore your answers and ask for your thoughts on how NCI can improve the K08 award. If interested, enter your email address and we will contact you to schedule the meeting.