

Changes since 2025-2026 K12 Application Cycle

1. K12 awardees **cannot have an extramural K or R application pending at the time of appointment (NIH considers any application that is submitted, under review, or competitively scored to be “pending”**. Applications that have been reviewed and were either not discussed or not funded are acceptable.)
 - a. In order to accommodate this dictum, *K12 applicants should not submit K- or R- series applications for the October 2026 deadline* if they wish to be considered for a K12.
 - b. The due dates of the K12 have been adjusted to ensure that *if a K12 applicant is not selected for the K12, they can still apply for an extramural K in the February 2027 cycle*.
2. **Clinical trials are not allowed** for K12 projects.
3. More questions have been added to the pre-application form in REDCap in order to expedite review. Please ensure that all questions are answered.