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- Goal: Transition to research “independence”

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- Therefore, *preparing for the R01 grant application you will submit at the end of the K award should be the organizing principle of the K grant application*

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- Reviewers expect you to fully exploit the training resources available to you.

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• Describe any **formal research training** (e.g., Ph.D., MPH)
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• **Example:** My goal is to become an independent clinical investigator and leader in the study of diffuse lung disease. To continue my progress towards this goal, I am proposing an observational prospective study addressing specific hypothesis surrounding the role of gastroesophageal reflux in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), a **timely and important topic**. Specifically, I am interested in studying **3 primary topics**: (1) the clinical characteristics of reflux in patients with IPF, (2) the biomarkers of reflux and microaspiration in patients with IPF, and (3) the impact of reflux and microaspiration on outcomes in patients with IPF. **The knowledge and experience gained from this proposal will allow me to successfully compete for R01 funding to validate these findings** in a multicenter trial utilizing the resources of the NIH-funded IPFNet.

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Career Development Plan/Career Goals and Objectives

Questions ?