Vanderbilt-Wide Limited Submission Opportunity
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Foundation - 2022 Young Investigator Award

Applications due November 15, 2021

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC): This is a joint competition for VU and VUMC investigators. All investigators should follow these instructions.

Vanderbilt may nominate one candidate for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Foundation Young Investigator Award (YIA) for 2022. These awards provide $150,000 over a two-year period for promising young investigators across a broad range of oncology specialties and areas of interest. In addition to the $150,000 award, awardees will be provided $575 for travel to attend the 2024 NCCN Annual Conference.

The Foundation invites proposals from early investigators with innovative ideas and an interest in improving the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of care provided to cancer patients. A primary focus of the award is to identify and fund top investigators in the early stages of their careers interested in participating and contributing to cancer research. The NCCN Foundation also recognizes the growing need for evidence-based research in the areas of clinical treatment and management, health systems and delivery of care, quality of life for cancer patients, and patient education.

The NCCN Foundation expects to fund 4-6 YIA awards this year. The Foundation encourages prospective, retrospective, preclinical, and clinical research in an oncology topic of the applicant’s choosing. One of these awards will be specific to the 2022 area of interest, Health Equity (see sponsor guidance for more information)

Use the links below to review the:
- Request for Proposals
- FAQs
- Budget Template

Eligibility:
- The award is open to physicians, scientists, nurses and others working in an oncology laboratory, clinical research or clinical setting, or cancer control program.
- Candidates must be in their first full-time appointment at Vanderbilt at Assistant Professor, Instructor, or equivalent level and must remain in good standing for the duration of the award period.
- Candidates must not have other funding that duplicates the focus and purpose of this award.
• Candidates must have a Medical degree (MD, DO) or Scientific degree (PhD) or Nursing degree (Masters or above) or Pharmacy degree (PharmD); or the international equivalent to one of these.
• Proposed project must be conducted at Vanderbilt.
• Candidates must have a mentor in the proposed research field.
• Institutional commitment to support the research project is required.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria:
The YIA Proposal Review Committee will select recipients for YIAs based on the following criteria:

• Scientific Soundness
• Study Design
• Feasibility
• Statistics
• Budget
• Timeline – work must be finalized and final reporting submitted within the 2 year grant period

Internal Application Process:
Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt’s nominee must submit the following (in PDF format) through the VICC Pilot Project Application Portal by 5 pm on November 15, 2021. A link to the VICC Pilot Project Application Portal can also be found in the blue square located on the VICC Funding Opportunities web page (https://www.vicc.org/research/funding-opportunities).

1. Brief (1-2 page) research plan including summary budget;
2. Brief statement of support from department chair/division chief;
3. NIH Biosketch or 5-page CV

Once received, all proposals will be forwarded to an internal review committee that will choose the final nominee. The chosen nominee will submit a full proposal to the Foundation by the January 26, 2022 deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Schaum at j.schaum@vumc.org.