



Pediatric -Translational Cancer Research Grant

2022 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD: The V Foundation seeks to support translational research projects within the scope of **pediatric cancer research**. Translational projects should move a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or use specimens from a clinical trial to develop biomarkers or mechanisms. The research should apply in some direct way to human beings within the time frame of less than 3 years. If biomarker research is undertaken, a validation set or independent clinical trial is essential. A plan for biomarker validation, if applicable, must be included in any proposal. The endpoint of the project should be the planning or initiation of a new pediatric clinical trial.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: This request for applications is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research. While not required, we also welcome applications proposing research to develop better tools, and/or methods for **earlier detection** of pediatric cancers, since we expect to have some restricted funds in this area as well.

GRANT SPECIFICS: The total amount of this grant is \$600,000, paid in three annual installments of \$200,000. Indirect costs up to 10% are permitted (i.e., over the grant term, a maximum of \$60,000 can be utilized for indirect costs leaving \$540,000 for direct costs).

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit **one nominee** to apply for this **pediatric** call.
- The **SOLE** nominee may apply in **either** the V Scholar **or** Translational program type. The RFA for both pediatric programs was provided so you may decide which program best fits your nominee.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY:

- Only research institutions that received this invitation may submit a nominee for consideration. Other affiliates of the institution that did not receive the email are not eligible to nominate an applicant.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: Your nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the Pediatric Translational research team and must meet all of the following criteria:

- Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official.
- Employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
- Either a US Citizen or have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- Hold a tenure-track or tenured faculty position at their cancer research institution. Non-promotable adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination to lead the Translational Research Team.

NEXT STEPS:

Nomination Form:

- The single nominee may apply in **either** the V Scholar **or** Translational program type for support in this pediatric cancer research focused request for applications.
- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee, indicating to which pediatric program type (V Scholar or Translational) your nominee will be applying.
- The Nomination Form must include the Cancer Center Director's or similar high ranking research administrator's signature.
- Email the completed Nomination Form to nominations@v.org.
- After we receive your completed Nomination Form, the nominee will be invited to complete the online application.

Recommendation Letter: Nominees will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation with their online application due at a later time. This letter of recommendation should include:

- A description of the process used to identify your nominee
- Why you chose this nominee
- The institutional resources that will be available to the nominee
- If the nature of the research is bench to bedside with patient contact, describe how patient advocacy/communication will be incorporated into their training.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **February 15, 2022**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **March 10, 2022**

If you have questions about the nomination process, please contact the Grants Team at Grants@v.org. We are delighted to extend this invitation and look forward to receiving your nomination.

Best Wishes,



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