



V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

2023 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD: The V Scholar Award supports young tenure-track faculty early in their cancer research career by funding projects that are **either laboratory-based fundamental research or translational research**.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: This RFA is specifically for **adult** cancer research that is focused on laboratory research. This year, we have special interest and funding for **therapeutic resistance** and welcome research projects in this area. Please note that research areas **not** included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research. We also strongly encourage applications from underrepresented minorities in cancer research including Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos (non-European), American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders who may be eligible for funding through the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund.

GRANT SPECIFICS: The total amount of the grant is \$600,000, paid in three annual installments of \$200,000. Only direct costs of the research are supported by this award.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Each invited institution may submit **one** nominee to apply for this call.

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. Please do not distribute outside of your institution.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Inclusion: Nominee must be **all** of the following criteria by the nomination due date.

- 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 a permanent legal resident in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- Possess at least 2 years post-doctoral (MD or PhD) fellowship training. For MDs, a minimum of one year is acceptable if only one year is required for their specialty.
- Clinical scientists are eligible if the research institution demonstrates that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
- V Scholar applicants must have been appointed to their first full-time tenure track Assistant Professor position no more than 5 years prior to the nomination due date, and not yet

promoted to Associate Professor (for e.g., must be eligible to apply for PI status on an R01 at your institution).

Exclusion: By the Nomination Due Date, nominee must:

- NOT be a previous or current V Foundation V Scholar awardee.
- NOT have accepted or received notification of an R01 award by the nomination due date.
- NOT have accepted or received award notification of any peer-reviewed, non-mentored **single grant** that totals or exceeds \$750K in total direct funding at ANY point in their professional career. This calculation should exclude indirect costs.
- NOT have accepted or received award notification of any peer-reviewed, non-mentored funding that exceeds \$1M in **aggregated** total direct funding at ANY point in their professional career. This calculation should exclude indirect costs.

Note: The V Scholar award is intended to support research to leverage these larger awards; so, the nominee should not have already received such awards.

NEXT STEPS:

Nomination Form:

- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your eligible nominee. The nomination form must include the signature of the primary researcher and the Cancer Center Director (or similar high ranking research official) who is responsible for the nomination.
- Include a Letter of Recommendation (details below) and the completed Financial Worksheet with the Nomination Form **or the nominee will be deemed ineligible.**
- Email the completed Nomination Form with all required accompanying documents in **one** email to nominations@v.org.
- Please allow at least 5 business days from the time of receipt for our team to review, verify, and process your nomination. The nominee will then be invited via email to complete the online application.


Recommendation Letter (LOR): Nomination must include a LOR from the cancer center director. If the institution has no cancer center director, then a senior official at a similar level can provide this letter. The LOR will be provided with the Nomination Form and is also uploaded by the applicant in the applicant's online application. **This letter is expected to include the following elements which will be evaluated by the review committee:**

- 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 (examples might include research and office space, teaching release, mental health support, etc.)
- An overview of the mentoring plan that will be available to the nominee
- Communication of complex ideas is an important skill for all researchers to learn. If this nature of the research is basic and/or translational science, how will science communication with diverse audiences be incorporated into their training? If the nature of the research is translational and/or clinical (bench to bedside with patient contact), describe how patient advocacy/communication will be incorporated into their training.
- The name, title and contact information of the person writing the LOR

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **April 27, 2023**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **June 1, 2023**



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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