



## Pediatric Translational Cancer Research Grant

### 2023 Request for Applications

#### PURPOSE OF AWARD:

This Request for Applications (RFA) is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research through the Translational grant mechanism. Applicants may propose pediatric cancer research that moves a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or uses 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 from the end of the grant. 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 clinical trial.

#### SPECIAL FOCUS AREA:

This RFA is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research that falls into preclinical/translational research as described above. 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.

#### GRANT SPECIFICS:

The grant amount is \$800,000, paid in four annual installments of \$200,000. A total of 10% indirect costs (not to exceed \$80,000 *within* the award) are allowed.

#### 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. Both pediatric program RFAs are 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. Please do not distribute outside of your institution.

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Your nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the Translational research team and must meet all of the following criteria by this 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.

- 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.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

**Letter of Recommendation (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. **The LOR 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.).
- If the nature of the research is 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.

#### **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.
- If applying for the Translational specific pediatric RFA complete only the Translational Nomination Form.
- 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.
- Send the completed Nomination Form and LOR in **one email** to [nominations@v.org](mailto: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.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Nomination Due Date:** by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **May 17, 2023**

**Application Due Date:** by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **June 27, 2023**

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

Best Wishes,



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