



V Scholar Grant for Black/African American Cancer Researchers 2020 Call for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

Due to additional funds being donated to the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund, we are pleased to be able to offer a *second* V Scholar grant opportunity in 2020. This grant opportunity will be specifically for researchers who come from the Black/African American community, a minority group that is underrepresented in the scientific community. The V Scholar Award supports early tenure-track faculty by funding a range of projects from laboratory-based fundamental research through bench to bedside research. The total amount of the grant is \$200,000, paid in two annual installments of \$100,000. Only direct costs of the research are supported by this award.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: ANY area of adult cancer research.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit **one nominee** who meets all eligibility criteria.
- Only researchers who self-identify as Black/African Americans are eligible for this second V Scholar grant opportunity in 2020. This particular grant opportunity will use Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Funds to support Black/African American early tenure-track faculty.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY:

- Only research institutions that received this invitation may submit nominees 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.
- Institutions must be non-profit research institutions in the US.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Inclusion: Nominees must be all of the following:

- Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official
- Self-identify as Black/African American on their nomination form.
- Employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
- Must be a US Citizen or permanent legal resident.
- 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 can demonstrate that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
- By the Due Date of the Application, applicants must:

- Hold a tenure-track faculty position as an assistant professor at their research institution. Non-promotable positions such as: adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible.
- Have been appointed to their first full-time Assistant Professor position within the last 5 years, and not yet been promoted to Associate Professor.

Exclusion: By the due date of the application, nominees must:

- NOT already hold an RO1 or RO1-equivalent grants as a PI or co-leader.
- NOT be a co-leader on projects such as SPORE or NIH grant mechanisms like U01, DP1, DP2, R37, and R23.

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 Cancer Center Director's or similar high ranking research official's signature. Applicants must self-identify as Black/African American on their nomination form to be eligible.
- 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: Nominee will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation from their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official in their online application. This letter of recommendation should include:

- A description of the process used by the Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official to nominate the applicant
- Why the applicant was nominated
- The institutional resources that will be available to the nominee
- The mentoring environment 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 November 30, 2020

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on January 6, 2021

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

Best Wishes,
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