



V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

2021 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: ANY area of **adult** cancer research that is focused on laboratory research that increases our understanding of cancer biology or that improves cancer detection, prevention, treatment, and survivorship. Areas **not** included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

GRANT SPECIFICS: 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.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit **up to two nominees** to apply for this call **if** at least **one** of the two nominees **identifies as** someone from **an underrepresented in science minority ethnic group** (details below).
- We continue to raise funds to support the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund which supports V Scholars from minority ethnic groups that tend to be underrepresented in the scientific community. For the purposes of this application: African American, Hispanic American (non-European), Native American, or Alaskan Native minority groups would be eligible for this funding. Among our highly ranked finalists for the 2021 V Scholar Award, we will designate at least one minority applicant to be supported by this fund.

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.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Inclusion: Nominees must be **all** of the following:

- 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).
- By the Due Date of the Application (not Nomination due date), applicants must:
 - Hold a tenure-track faculty position as an assistant professor at their cancer research institution. Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible.
 - Have been appointed to their first full-time tenure track Assistant Professor position for no more than 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 SP0RE 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 **each** of your eligible nominees. Nomination Forms 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
- 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 **April 8, 2021**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **April 30, 2021**

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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