



V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

2020 Call for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

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**. This call for applications is specifically for adult cancer research. There was a separate call for pediatric applications earlier in the year.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit up to **two nominees** to apply for this call **if** at least **one** of the two **nominee** applicants **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. We encourage applications from early investigators from minority ethnic groups that are underrepresented in science to be supported by this Fund. For the purposes of this application: African American, Hispanic American (non-European), Native American, or Alaskan Native would be included in minority groups eligible for Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer research funding. Among our highly ranked finalists for the 2020 V Scholar Award, we will designate at least one minority applicant to be funded with 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.
- Institutions must be non-profit research institutions in the US or Canada.

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. Not applicable to 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 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 cancer 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 **each** of your eligible nominees. The Nomination Form must include the Cancer Center Director's or similar high ranking research official'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: Nominee will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation from their Cancer Center Director in their online application. This letter of recommendation should include:

- A description of the process used by the Cancer Center Director 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 April 2, 2020

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on May 6, 2020

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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