



Pediatric-V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

2021 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD: The Pediatric 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 **pediatric** 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 **one nominee** to apply for this **pediatric** call.
- The **SOLE** nominee may apply in **either** the V Scholar **or** Translational program type. The RFA for both pediatric programs was 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.

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 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 (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 SPOR 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:

- 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.
- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee, indicating to which pediatric program type (V Scholar or Translational) your nominee will be applying.
- The 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 **March 31, 2021**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **April 15, 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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