



Adult Translational Cancer Research

Focus Area: Therapeutic Resistance

2023 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

This Request for Applications (RFA) is specifically for **adult cancer** research through the Translational grant mechanism. Applicants may propose adult 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 **adult 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, and allows for 10% indirect costs (not to exceed \$80,000 *within* the award).

WHO MAY APPLY?

Each invited institution may submit **one nominee** to apply.

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 the 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).
- 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:

Recommendation Letter: Nominees will be asked to provide a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) from the cancer center director. If the institution has no cancer center director, then a senior official at a similar level can provide the LOR. This letter 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 Letter of Recommendation.

Nomination Form:

- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee which must include the Cancer Center Director's or similar high ranking research official's signature.
- Email the completed Nomination Form and LOR in **one** email to nominations@v.org.
- After we receive your completed Nomination Form, the nominee will be invited to complete the online application. Please allow at least 5 business days from the time of receipt for our team to process your nomination, verify preliminary eligibility and invite the nominee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **March 15, 2023**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **April 24, 2023**

If you have questions about the nomination process, please contact the Research and 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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