



## Translational Cancer Research Grant Program 2020 Call for Applications

### PURPOSE OF AWARD:

The V Foundation seeks to support translational research projects within the scope of **adult cancer research**. Translational projects should move a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or use 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. 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.

The Translational Research Award is a \$600,000 grant paid in three annual installments of \$200,000. Indirect costs up to 10% are permitted (i.e., over the grant term, a maximum of \$60,000 can be utilized for indirect costs leaving \$540,000 for direct costs).

### SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: ANY area of **ADULT** cancer research.

This call for applications is specifically for adult cancer research. While not required, we also encourage research on the biological basis of cancer disparities experienced by patients from minority ethnic or racial populations in areas related to causes, aggressiveness, treatment or relapse. Cancers in which ethnic and racial disparities have previously been demonstrated include: lung and bronchus, colon and rectum, breast, prostate, uterine, cervix, stomach, and liver. In the disparities area, at least one of the highest ranked applications will be designated as the recipient of a Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund Translational Research Award.

### WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit **one nominee** to apply for this call.

### 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.
- Institutions must be non-profit research institutions in the US or Canada.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:** Your nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the Translational research team and must meet all of the following criteria:

- 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 have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- 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 to lead the Translational Research Team.

**NEXT STEPS:**

**Nomination Form:**

- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee. Nomination Forms must include the Cancer Center Director's or similar high ranking research official's signature.
- Email the completed Nomination Form to [nominations@v.org](mailto:nominations@v.org).
- After we receive your completed Nomination Form, the nominee will be invited to complete the online application.

**Recommendation Letter:** As part of the online application, nominees will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation from their Cancer Director or Senior Official that nominated them. This letter of recommendation should include:

- A description of the nomination process for identifying the nominee
- Why this nominee was chosen
- The institutional resources 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 16, 2020

**Application Due Date:** by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on May 28, 2020

If you have questions about the nomination process, please contact the Grants Team at [Grants@v.org](mailto: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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