



Robin Roberts Cancer “Thrivelihood” Research Grant Program 2020 Call for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

In honor of Robin Roberts, the V Foundation for Cancer Research has established a research fund in her name, which will fund research related to cancer survivorship. Through the fund, we hope to help more patients not only survive cancer but thrive after treatment. There are over 16 million U.S. cancer survivors, with that number expected to grow to 20.3 million by 2026. New research initiatives are urgently needed to reduce long-term complications of cancer treatment.

GRANT SIZE AND DURATION:

This \$600,000 grant is 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). NIH salary caps are observed.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA:

The Journal of Clinical Oncology published a joint recommendation from the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Cancer Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the National Cancer Institute which concluded “Disparities in cancer incidence are pronounced and longstanding. Drivers of these disparities are multifactorial and multilevel, and they include sociodemographic factors, access to health care, risk factor profiles and lifestyle/health habits, cultural perceptions, biologic differences, and genetic predisposition. Disparities in cancers for which single etiologic factors account for a substantial proportion of disease (e.g., human papillomavirus and cervical cancer, or *Helicobacter pylori* and stomach cancer) can be reasonably understood and explained, but disparities for many of the common etiologically heterogeneous cancers, such as breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers, remain much less well understood. There is also a need for studies focused on identifying the genetic contributors to cancer health disparities.”

This grant opportunity will fund translational research to understand the underlying biological basis of these health disparities in cancer survivorship with a goal to improve outcomes for patients, including:

- observational studies focused on a population in which disparities exist to advance knowledge about etiology and to inform novel prevention strategies
- studies to identify the genetic contributors to cancer health disparities
- studies to understand the biologic mechanisms through which risk factors across different populations act (e.g. diet related microbiome effects)
- studies of human population genetics to inform interpretations of disparate effects of cancer drugs and therapies across patient populations.

Note: At this time we will not be funding psycho-social services type research such as quality of life, psychosocial well-being and dysfunction.

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 U.S. or Canada.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: Your nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the 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 U.S. Citizen or have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the U.S. 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 Research Team.

NEXT STEPS:

Nomination Form:

- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee. 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: 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 May 21, 2020

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on June 22, 2020

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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