

# 2022 Pediatric Cancer Research – Special Grant Opportunity V Scholar or Translational or All-Star 2022 Request for Applications

**PURPOSE OF AWARD:** Due to exceptional fundraising levels in 2022, the V Foundation is offering an additional pediatric cancer research grant opportunity. This grant opportunity will be implemented through one of three grant mechanisms: V Scholar, Translational, or All-Star grant types. Award amounts will be significantly larger for each of these mechanisms and **strict eligibility criteria** for each are listed below.

**SPECIAL FOCUS AREA:** This request for applications is specifically for **pediatric cancer** research utilizing three different grant mechanisms.

**V Scholar applicants** can propose pediatric cancer research that is focused on laboratory research that increases our understanding of cancer biology <u>or</u> translational type research that improves cancer detection, prevention, treatment, and survivorship. Emphasis for this grant mechanism is on supporting exceptional <u>early career</u> investigators at the Assistant Professor stage to be better positioned to leverage large R01 or similar sustaining grants.

**Translational grant applicants** can propose pediatric 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 pediatric clinical trial.

All Star grant applicants can propose any area of pediatric cancer research, as outlined in either example above. <u>All-Star grant applicants must have previously received a V Foundation grant (V Scholar, Translational or Designated cancer research grant) to be eligible to apply for the All-Star grant.</u>

Note: Research areas **not included in this scope for any grant type** are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

#### **GRANT SPECIFICS:**

**V Scholar:** \$600,000, paid in 3 annual installments. No indirect costs allowed.

**Translational:** \$800,000, paid in 4 annual installments. Indirect costs up to 10% allowed (not to exceed \$80,000 *within* the award).

**All Star:** \$1,000,000, paid in 5 annual installments. Indirect costs up to 10% allowed (not to exceed \$100,000 *within* the award).

## WHO MAY APPLY?

- Each invited institution may submit one nominee to apply for this pediatric RFA.
- The **SOLE** nominee may apply in <u>either</u> the V Scholar <u>or</u> Translational <u>or</u> the All-Star grant type.

# **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:** Your nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) and must meet <u>all</u> of the following criteria by the **nomination due date of August 22, 2022.** 

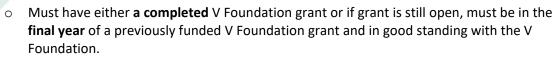
- For ALL applicant types:
  - Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official.
  - Employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
  - Must hold a tenure-track or tenured faculty position at their cancer research institution.
    Non-promotable adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.
- <u>Specific For **Translational** and **All-Star** applicants: Must be 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.</u>
- Specific for V Scholar applicants:
  - Must be a US citizen or have permanent legal residency in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
  - Must 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).
  - V Scholar applicants must have been appointed to their first full-time tenure track Assistant Professor position <u>no more than 5 years prior to the nomination due date of August 22,</u> <u>2022</u>, and not yet been promoted to Associate Professor (for e.g., must be eligible to apply for PI status on an R01 at your institution).

Exclusions for V Scholar applicants:

- Must NOT have been a previous or current V Foundation V Scholar awardee.
- Must NOT have accepted or have received notification that you will be awarded an R01 or other large grant exceeding \$250K per year in funding to your lab from public or private sources <u>by this nomination due date of August 22, 2022</u>. Internal/start-up institutional funds should not be included in the calculation.
- Must NOT have accepted or have received notification of aggregated funding exceeding \$300K per year for more than 3 consecutive years <u>by this nomination due date of August 22,</u> <u>2022</u>. Internal/start-up institutional funds should not be included in this aggregate calculation.

#### Specific for All-Star applicants:

 Must have previously received a V Foundation funded research award to be eligible to apply for this larger grant. The previous grant award is **not** required to be in the area of pediatrics and the two projects do **not** need to be linked.



 Must list previous V Foundation funding and a URL link to the previous grant on the V Foundation website within the support letter from the cancer center director/department head and on the nomination form.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

#### **Nomination Form:**

- The single nominee from your institution may apply for <u>one</u> of the three program types.
- Select and complete the appropriate Nomination Form for your sole nominee, based on the pediatric program type (V Scholar, Translational or All-Star) for which your nominee will be applying.
- The nomination form must include the signature of the primary researcher and the Cancer Center Director (or similar high ranking research official) who is responsible for the nomination.
- Email the completed Nomination Form with all required accompanying documents in **one** email to <u>nominations@v.org</u>.
- The nominee will then be invited via email 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.

**Recommendation Letter:** Nominees will be asked to provide a Letter of Recommendation from the cancer center director or other senior official nominating the applicant with their nomination form and to upload a copy with their online application. 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 (V Scholar only)
- If the nature of the research is bench to bedside with patient contact, describe how patient advocacy/communication will be incorporated into their training.
- Previous V Foundation funding and a URL link to the previous grant on the V Foundation website (All-Star only)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on August 22, 2022 Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on October 17, 2022 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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