



Pediatric Translational Cancer Research Grant

2024 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

This Request for Applications (RFA) is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research through the Translational grant mechanism. Applicants may 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 clinical trial.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA:

This RFA is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research that falls into preclinical/translational research as described above. Please note that research areas **not** included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

GRANT SPECIFICS:

- A four-year, \$800,000 grant, paid in \$200,000 annual installments.
- Indirect costs up to 10% of direct costs allowed.
- The V Foundation follows NIH Guidelines regarding salary caps. Institutions are welcome to supplement a grant recipient's salary with institutional funds if desired.

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. Both pediatric program RFAs are provided so you may decide which program best fits your nominee.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY:

Only research institutions that received this invitation may submit a single 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 (for e.g., must be eligible to apply for PI status on an R01 at your institution). Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated,

temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.

- 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.

NEXT STEPS:

Letter of Recommendation (LOR): Nomination must include a LOR from the Cancer Center Director. If the institution has no Cancer Center Director, then a senior official at a similar level can provide this letter. The LOR 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.).
- Communication of complex ideas is an important skill for all researchers to learn. If the nature of the research is basic and/or translational science, how will science communication with diverse audiences be incorporated into their training? If the nature of the research is translational and/or clinical (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 LOR.

Nomination Form:

- The single nominee may apply in **either** the V Scholar **or** Translational program type.
- Select and complete the appropriate Nomination Form for your sole nominee, based on the program type (V Scholar or Translational) 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 and LOR in **one email** to nominations@v.org.
- Please allow at least 5 business days from the time of receipt for our team to review, verify, and process your nomination. The nominee will then be invited via email to complete the online application.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **May 10, 2024**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **June 17, 2024**

Earliest Start Date: September 15, 2024

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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