



Adult Translational Cancer Research 2024 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

This Request for Applications (RFA) is restricted to **adult cancer** research in the preclinical or translational space with a focus on bench-to-bedside strategies. 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 in **colorectal cancer** and welcome research projects in this area as well as all other adult cancer research areas EXCEPT the following out-of-scope research areas: epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research. **Our expectation is that each invited institution will prioritize their best nominee across the cancer research continuum.**

GRANT SPECIFICS:

A four-year, \$800,000 grant, paid in annual installments. Indirect costs up to 10% of direct costs allowed.

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.
- 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:

Recommendation Letter (LOR): Nominees will be asked to provide 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. This LOR will be provided with the Nomination Form and is also uploaded by the applicant in the applicant's online application. **The letter 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:

- Complete the attached Nomination Form for your sole nominee which must include the signature of the primary researcher and 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.
- The nominee will then 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 21, 2024**

Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on **April 19, 2024**

Earliest Start Date: August 1, 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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