

Vanderbilt-wide Limited Submission Opportunity

2024 V Foundation Adult Translational Cancer Research Awards

Applications due March 7, 2024

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC): *This is a joint competition for VU and VUMC investigators. All investigators should follow these instructions.*

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC, collaboratively) may choose **one nominee** for the [V Foundation 2024 Adult Translational Cancer Research Grants Program](#). The grant provides **\$800,000** in four annual installments of \$200,000. Indirect costs up to a maximum of 10% within the total award are permitted.

The V Foundation invites applications for 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.

This RFA is specifically for **adult cancer** research that falls into preclinical/translational research as described above. This year, the foundation has special interest and funding for **colorectal cancer** and welcomes research projects in this area as well all other adult cancer research areas EXCEPT the following out-of-scope research areas: epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

Applicant Eligibility:

By March 21, 2024, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 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.

Internal Selection Process:

Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt's nominee this opportunity must submit the following (in PDF format) to LSO@vanderbilt.edu by **11:59 p.m. on March 7, 2024**. **Late applications will not be considered.**

1. Brief (2 page maximum) research plan including summary budget;
2. Statement of support from department chair/center director;
 - a. Please include an overview of resources available to you (research and office space, teaching release, mental health support, etc); If the nature of the research is basic and/or translational science, how will science communication with diverse audiences be incorporated into your 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 your training.
3. NIH Biosketch or 5-page CV

Submissions should reference "2024 V Adult Translational Cancer Research Award" in the subject line of the email.

A short nomination form for Vanderbilt's selected candidate will be submitted to the V Foundation by March 21, 2024. The candidate will then receive an invitation to submit a full application to the sponsor by April 19, 2024.

Email LSO@vanderbilt.edu with any questions about the program, foundation, or internal review process.