VUMC Limited Submission Opportunity

2024 William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program

Applications due March 26, 2024

**VUMC:** These instructions are for VUMC investigators. VU investigators should apply through InfoReady and address any questions to VU-LSO@vanderbilt.edu.

VUMC may select one nominee for the William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program.

The award amount is $350,000 distributed over five years, and the goal of the program is to support career development for promising early career researchers in one of two focus areas:

1. **Reducing Inequality:** Supports studies to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies or practices that reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes in youth (ages 5-25) in the United States. The foundation prioritizes studies that aim to reduce inequalities that exist along dimensions of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins.

2. **Improving the Use of Research Evidence:** Supports research on strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth (ages 5-25) in the United States. The Foundation welcomes descriptive studies that reveal the strategies, mechanisms, or conditions for improving research use, as well as evaluations of deliberate efforts to increase routine and beneficial uses of research in decision-making.

The program funds research and mentoring plans that significantly expand junior researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. The foundation recognizes that early career researchers are rarely given incentives or support to take measured risks in their work, so this award includes a mentoring component as well as a supportive academic community.

A list of previous awardees can be found here.

**Eligibility criteria**

- Applicants must have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. This is calculated by adding seven years to the date the doctoral degree was conferred. In medicine, the seven-year maximum is dated from the completion of the first residency. The month in which the degree was conferred or residency completed does not matter for this calculation.

- Applicants must hold a tenure-track position. *The award may not be used as a postdoctoral fellowship.*

- Applicants should have a track record of conducting high-quality research and an interest in pursuing a significant shift in their trajectories as researchers.
See the program website for more information and the 2024 guidelines, including recommended components of the Research Plan and Mentoring Plan.

**Internal Application Process:**

Anyone interested in being considered as VUMC’s nominee must submit the following (in a single PDF) to LSO@vanderbilt.edu by **5 p.m. on March 26**. See the program website for recommended components of the Research Plan and Mentoring Plan.

1. Research plan including summary budget (1-2 pages);
2. Mentoring plan (1-2 pages);
3. Statement of support from department chair/center director;
4. NIH Biosketch

Submissions should reference “William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Award” in the subject line of the email. Please contact LSO@vanderbilt.edu with any questions.