

## **Robin Roberts Cancer “Thrivelihood” Research Grant Program**

### **CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT**

#### **PURPOSE OF AWARD:**

In honor of Robin Roberts, the V Foundation for Cancer Research has established a research fund in her name, which will fund research related to cancer survivorship. Through the fund, V Foundation hopes to help more patients not only survive cancer but thrive after treatment. There are over 16 million U.S. cancer survivors, with that number expected to grow to 20.3 million by 2026. New research initiatives are urgently needed to reduce long-term complications of cancer treatment.

#### **SPECIAL FOCUS AREA:**

The Journal of Clinical Oncology published a joint recommendation from the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Cancer Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the National Cancer Institute which concluded “Disparities in cancer incidence are pronounced and longstanding. Drivers of these disparities are multifactorial and multilevel, and they include sociodemographic factors, access to health care, risk factor profiles and lifestyle/health habits, cultural perceptions, biologic differences, and genetic predisposition. Disparities in cancers for which single etiologic factors account for a substantial proportion of disease (e.g., human papillomavirus and cervical cancer, or Helicobacter pylori and stomach cancer) can be reasonably understood and explained, but disparities for many of the common etiologically heterogeneous cancers, such as breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers, remain much less well understood. There is also a need for studies focused on identifying the genetic contributors to cancer health disparities.”

This grant opportunity will fund translational research to understand the underlying biological basis of these health disparities in cancer survivorship with a goal to improve outcomes for patients, including:

- observational studies focused on a population in which disparities exist to advance knowledge about etiology and to inform novel prevention strategies
- studies to identify the genetic contributors to cancer health disparities
- studies to understand the biologic mechanisms through which risk factors across different populations act (e.g. diet related microbiome effects)
- studies of human population genetics to inform interpretations of disparate effects of cancer drugs and therapies across patient populations.

**Note: At this time V Foundation will not be funding psycho-social services type research such as quality of life, psychosocial well-being and dysfunction.**

### **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:**

The nominated applicant must lead the research team. The applicant must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to submit an application:

- Applicant must be employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g. 501c3, Section 170).
- By the Due Date of the Application, applicants who will lead this research team must have all the following:
  - Either a U.S. Citizen or have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the U.S. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
  - 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 to lead the Research Team.

### **GRANT SIZE AND DURATION:**

This \$600,000 grant is paid in three annual installments of \$200,000. Indirect costs up to 10% are permitted (i.e., over the grant term, a maximum of \$60,000 can be utilized for indirect costs leaving \$540,000 for direct costs). NIH salary caps are observed.

### **INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES:**

Letters of Intent (not to exceed 2 pages) are due May 8, 2020 via email to [winshipgrants@emory.edu](mailto:winshipgrants@emory.edu). Letters of Intent should also include the PI's NIH Biosketch, a proposed title for the research project, and a brief 1-2 page abstract of the proposed research project. The selected investigator(s) will be notified and invited to submit a full application by Winship.

Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to Jeff Mills (404-727-3634 or via e-mail at [jeff.mills@emory.edu](mailto:jeff.mills@emory.edu)).

### **2020 ROBIN ROBERTS CANCER THRIVERSHIP RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

#### **CYCLE COMPONENT**

Winship Letter of Intent Due Date:

Winship Announcement of Nominee Selection:

V Foundation Application Due Date:

#### **DATE**

by 5:00 PM EST on Friday, May 8, 2020

by Friday, May 22, 2020

by 5:00 PM EST on Monday, June 22, 2020

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