

V Foundation Clinical Scholar Program

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

Winship Cancer Institute is pleased to announce a funding opportunity provided by the V Foundation's 2022 *Call for Clinical Scholar Program* grant proposals. The nominee will be selected by Winship Cancer Institute.

PURPOSE OF AWARD: To accelerate cancer treatment and cures, the V Foundation proposes to develop the careers of clinicians who will become leaders in developing programs of clinical trials that are sequential and based on hypothesis-driven research. The competitive candidate will have a thorough knowledge of clinical trials and cancer biology as well as the ability to utilize new research discoveries for clinical intervention, the ability to develop a long-term plan to cure different forms of cancer, communicate with government agencies, and collaborate with the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry to facilitate progress in clinical care. V Clinical Scholars will be expected to lead a program of hypothesis-driven clinical trials, initiating, and completing multiple projects overseen by clinical and laboratory mentors who have a track record for conducting hypothesis-driven research with a strong translational component, often in collaboration with investigators from other disciplines. Each awardee will be expected to conduct the initial clinical trials in their designed program during the two years of the award. Trials will be based on novel pre-clinical data. Each hypothesis-driven clinical trial will include laboratory correlates that will inform the design of subsequent trials. Candidates will become familiar with the methodology, potential and limitations of laboratory correlates. Note: This program is distinct from the existing V Scholar program which is for early investigators of all types (PhD, DVM and/or MD), many of which are not engaged in clinical research.

GRANT SPECIFICS: The total grant amount is \$200,000, paid in two annual installments of \$100,000. Only direct costs of the research are supported by this award (*no indirects allowed*). We allow flexibility in how the PI can use these funds (e.g., salary, protected time, program costs and some correlates) but it is insufficient to fund the major costs of a clinical trial.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official.
- Applicants must be clinicians (at minimum, Assistant Professor for at least 3 years) and have experience leading clinical trials, but not yet achieved the level of Full Professor.

- Applicants must be board-certified (if applicable to their discipline; certification received within 7 years) or board-eligible in (for example, but not limited to) surgical oncology, gynecologic oncology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, pediatric oncology, or internal medicine. Other oncology disciplines that are not listed may be included and, in some cases, may not require board certification, depending on the discipline.
- The Department Chair and Division Head must support the applicant’s plans for career development and commit to long-term support of the applicant.

INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES: Letters of Intent (not to exceed 2 pages) are due Monday, March 7, 2022 via email to 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 will be notified and invited to submit a full application by Winship. Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to winshipgrants@emory.edu.

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CYCLE COMPONENT

Date of RFP Announcement:
 Winship Letter of Intent Due Date:
 Winship Announcement of Nominee Selection:
 Nomination Due Date (to V Foundation):
 V Foundation Application Due Date:

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Wednesday, February 16, 2022
 Monday, March 7, 2022
 Monday, March 14, 2022
 Tuesday, March 15, 2022
 Wednesday, April 13, 2022 by 5:00 pm ET