V Foundation Pediatric Cancer Research Grant Program

V Scholar & Translational Research Award

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

Winship Cancer Institute is pleased to announce a funding opportunity provided by the V Foundation’s 2022 Call for Pediatric Cancer Research grant proposals. This call for applications is specifically for pediatric cancer research, with the nominee to be selected by Winship Cancer Institute. The SOLE nominee may apply to either the Pediatric V Scholar Award or the Pediatric Translational Research Award.

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

The **Pediatric V Scholar Award** supports young tenure-track faculty early in their cancer research career by funding projects that are laboratory-based fundamental research through bench to bedside research.

- **SPECIAL FOCUS AREA**: ANY area of pediatric cancer research that is focused on laboratory research that increases our understanding of cancer biology or translational research that improves cancer detection, prevention, treatment, and survivorship. While not required, we also welcome applications proposing research to develop better tools and/or methods for earlier detection of pediatric cancers, since we expect to have some restricted funds in this area as well. Research areas not included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

- **GRANT SPECIFICS**: The total amount of the grant is $200,000, paid in two annual installments of $100,000. Only direct costs of the research are supported by this award.

The **Pediatric Translational Research Award** seeks to support translational research projects within the scope of pediatric cancer research. Translational projects should move a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or use 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. 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 pediatric clinical trial.

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- **GRANT SPECIFICS**: The total amount of this grant is $600,000, 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).
Applicants may apply to EITHER the Pediatric V Scholar OR the Translational Research program type.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official.
- Employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g. 501c3, Section 170).
- Either a US Citizen or have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the US.
- **Pediatric V Scholar**
  - By the Due Date of the Application (not Nomination due date), applicants must:
    - Hold a tenure-track faculty position as an assistant professor at their cancer research institution. Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible.
    - Have been appointed to their first full-time tenure track Assistant Professor position for no more than 5 years, and not yet been promoted to Associate Professor.
  - Possess at least 2 years post-doctoral (MD or PhD) fellowship training. For MDs, a minimum of one year is acceptable if only one year is required for their specialty.
  - Clinical scientists are eligible if the research institution can demonstrate that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
  - **Exclusion:** By the Due Date of the Application, nominees must:
    - NOT already hold an RO1 or RO1-equivalent grants as a PI or co-leader.
    - NOT be a co-leader on projects such as SPORE or NIH grant mechanisms like U01, DP1, DP2, R37, and R23.
    - Note: The V Scholar award is intended to support research to leverage these larger awards; so, the nominee should not have already received such awards.
- **Pediatric Translational**
  - Hold a tenure-track faculty position as an assistant professor (V Scholar Research Award) or tenure-track faculty position at any level (Translational Research Award) at their cancer research institution. Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible.

INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Letters of Intent (not to exceed 2 pages) are due Monday, February 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. Please indicate if you are applying to the V Scholar or Translational program type. 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 Dana Ray (404-372-3752 or via e-mail at dmray@emory.edu).

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