

V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

2025 Request for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

The V Foundation is dedicated to supporting careers of future leaders of cancer research. This Request for Applications (RFA) is specifically for the V Scholar grant and is restricted to **adult** cancer research that is exploratory or translational in focus. Research on ANY adult cancer type will be funded. *Research areas not included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.*

GRANT OBJECTIVES:

V Scholar – This award supports tenure-track faculty early in their cancer research career by funding projects that are **either** laboratory-based fundamental research **or** translational research. Emphasis for this grant mechanism is on supporting exceptional early career investigators at the Assistant Professor stage to be better positioned to leverage large R01 or similar sustaining grants.

BIostatISTICS:

A biostatistical or bioinformatics plan is **required** for all proposals. Proposals without this element will not be considered for funding.

GRANT SPECIFICS:

A three-year, \$600,000 grant, paid in \$200,000 annual installments. No indirect costs allowed.

The V Foundation follows NIH Guidelines regarding salary caps. Institutions are welcome to supplement a grant recipient's salary with institutional funds if desired.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Each invited institution may submit **one nominee** to apply for the V Scholar Cancer Research Grant.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY:

Only research institutions that received this invitation may submit a nominee for consideration. Other affiliates of the institution that did not receive the email are not eligible to nominate an applicant.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

V Scholar

Inclusion: Nominee must meet **all** the following criteria by the nomination due date.

- Nominated by their Cancer Center Director or similar high ranking research official.
- Employed at the invited non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
- Either a US Citizen or a permanent legal resident in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- 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 demonstrates that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
- Must be in a full-time tenure track or tenured faculty position (for e.g., must be eligible to apply for PI status on an R01 at your institution). Non-promotable adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.
- Must have been appointed to their first full-time tenure track Assistant Professor position **no more than 5 years prior to the nomination due date**, and not yet promoted to Associate Professor.
 - Extensions to the 5-year limit may be given on a case-by-case basis to nominees who took parental leave (or other types of leave) during this window. Please contact grants@v.org with the following for approval BEFORE submitting the nomination form:
 - Appointment start date
 - Length of leave
 - Institutional tenure clock stoppages/extensions, if applicable

Exclusion: By the nomination due date, nominee must:

- NOT be a previous or current V Foundation V Scholar awardee.
- NOT have accepted or received notification of an R01 award or R01 equivalent by the nomination due date.
- NOT have accepted or received award notification of any peer-reviewed, non-mentored **single grant** that totals or exceeds \$750K in total direct funding at ANY point in their professional career. This calculation should exclude indirect costs and/ or institutional funds.
- NOT have accepted or received award notification of any peer-reviewed, non-mentored funding that exceeds \$1M in **aggregated** (total) direct funding at ANY point in their professional career. This calculation should exclude indirect costs and/ or institutional funds.

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.

INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Letters of Intent (not to exceed 2 pages) with cover page (see template below) and PI's NIH Biosketch are due **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 11:59 pm** and must be emailed as a single PDF document to winshipgrants@emory.edu. The Letter of Intent should include a proposed title for the research project and a brief 1-2 page abstract of the proposed research project. The selected investigators will be notified and invited to submit a full application by Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to winshipgrants@emory.edu.

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CYCLE COMPONENT

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

DATE

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
 Thursday, May 22, 2025
 Wednesday, May 28, 2025
 Monday, June 2, 2025 by 5:00 pm ET
 Wednesday, July 2, 2025 by 4:00 pm ET

Letter of Intent Cover Page (V Scholar)

LEAD APPLICANT Contact Information:

Complete below ↓

First and last name (including degrees):	
Name of Cancer Institute:	
Professional Title (i.e. Assistant Professor):	
E-mail address:	
Phone number:	
Appointment Start Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check this box if an extension on the 5-year appointment criterion was approved by the V Foundation	

Please confirm ALL the following eligibility items are true by the nomination due date.

(Please check the boxes below):

- ☐ Is a US citizen or a permanent US legal resident. Does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- ☐ Has 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.
- ☐ If a clinical scientist, the research institution fully supports the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
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Project Title and Key words (Include important key words related to the specific type of scientific expertise needed to select reviewers for your application):

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Key words (minimum of six key words such as breast cancer, immunology, imaging techniques, epigenetics, microbiome, etc.):