

## **Adult Translational Cancer Research Grant**

### **Translational or All-Star Translational**

### **2026 Request for Applications**

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

Translational research is a key component of the research continuum that advances basic laboratory discoveries towards clinical use, ultimately improving human health. This request for applications has two grant mechanisms, Translational and All-Star Translational.

#### **GRANT OBJECTIVES:**

**Translational** – This grant is restricted to **adult** cancer research in the preclinical or translational space with a focus on bench-to-bedside strategies. Research on ANY adult cancer type is eligible. Applicants may propose cancer research projects that move a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or use specimens from a clinical trial to test hypotheses, develop biomarkers, or establish mechanisms. The research **must** apply in a direct way to human beings within 3 years of the grant's completion. If biomarker research is undertaken, a validation set, or independent clinical trial is essential. Proposals must include a plan for biomarker validation, if applicable. The endpoint of the project should be the planning or initiation of a new clinical trial or conducting an investigator-initiated trial with laboratory correlates that test hypotheses.

**All-Star Translational** – This grant is a **reinvestment** in the most exceptional **prior V Foundation grantees** and their most innovative ideas. This grant supports high-risk, high-reward, transformative projects that will have a significant impact on our understanding and/or treatment of cancer. Please note it is not required that the previously funded grant was focused on adult translational research nor does the previously funded grant and the newly proposed project need to be linked. *The All-Star Translational grant also follows the same objectives as the Translational above.*

Please note that research areas **not** included in this scope for either grant type are *epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research*.

#### **BIostatISTICS:**

A detailed biostatistical or bioinformatics plan is **mandatory** for all proposals and is required for funding consideration.

#### **GRANT SPECIFICS:**

**Translational:** A four-year, \$800,000 grant, paid in \$200,000 annual installments.

**All-Star Translational:** A five-year, \$1,000,000 grant, paid in \$200,000 annual installments.

For both grants, the total grant award includes both direct and indirect costs. Indirect costs are allowed up to 10% of total grant amount. 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 Translational nominee** and **one All-Star Translational nominee** to apply.

### INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY:

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

### **Applicants may apply to EITHER Translational OR All-Star Translational**

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

**Translational** - Nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the research team and 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 a non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
- Must be either a US Citizen or have a legal permit (temporary or permanent) to work in the US. This requirement does not apply to invited Canadian institutions.
- Hold a full-time faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor or Assistant Professor-equivalent level or above. Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.

**All-Star Translational** – Nominee must be the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the research team and must meet **all** the following criteria by the nomination due date:

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- Must have previously been awarded a V Foundation **research** grant as the lead PI and must meet at least **ONE** of the following conditions by the nomination deadline:
  1. Have a completed V Foundation research grant or
  2. Be in the final year of an active V Foundation grant (received final payment and on track to finish by grant end date).
- Must have been the lead PI on the V Foundation research grant from start to finish.
- Must have all financial and progress reports up to date.
- Must not have a current V Foundation All-Star grant.
- Must not have only received V Foundation non-research/Mission grant(s).

### INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Letters of Intent (not to exceed 2 pages) with applicable cover page (see below) are due **Monday, December 1, 2025** and must be emailed as a single PDF document 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 investigators will be notified and invited to submit a full application by Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Please direct questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to [winshipgrants@emory.edu](mailto:winshipgrants@emory.edu).

### **2026 Adult Translational Cancer Research – Translational or All-Star Translational** **CYCLE COMPONENT**

|                                                                      | <b>DATE</b>                            |
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| Date of RFA Announcement:                                            | Wednesday, November 12, 2025           |
| Winship Letter of Intent Due Date:                                   | Monday, December 1, 2025               |
| Winship Announcement of Nominee Selection:                           | Tuesday, December 2, 2025              |
| Nomination with Letter of Recommendation Due Date (to V Foundation): | Friday, December 5, 2025 by 5:00 pm ET |
| V Foundation Application Due Date:                                   | Friday, January 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET  |

## Letter of Intent Cover Page (Adult Translational)

### APPLICANT Contact Information:

Complete below ↓

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|------------------------------------------------|--|
| First and last name (including degrees):       |  |
| Name of Cancer Institute:                      |  |
| Professional Title (i.e. Associate Professor): |  |
| E-mail address:                                |  |
| Phone number:                                  |  |

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

*(Please check the boxes below):*

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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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| <b>Project Title:</b>                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Key words (<u>minimum of six</u> key words such as breast cancer, immunology, imaging techniques, epigenetics, microbiome, etc.):</b> |

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### APPLICANT Contact Information:

Complete below ↓

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| First and last name (including degrees):                                                           |  |
| Name of Cancer Institute:                                                                          |  |
| Professional Title (i.e. Associate Professor):                                                     |  |
| E-mail address:                                                                                    |  |
| Phone number:                                                                                      |  |
| URL of the PI's qualifying grant on the V Foundation website (click <a href="#">here</a> to find): |  |

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| Date of last submitted financial report: |  |
| Date of last submitted progress report:  |  |

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