V Scholar Cancer Research Grant Program
2019 Call for Applications

PURPOSE OF AWARD:
The V Scholar Award supports early tenure-track faculty by funding a range of projects from laboratory-based fundamental research through bench to bedside research. 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.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: ANY area of adult cancer research. This call for applications is specifically for adult cancer research.

WHO MAY APPLY?
• Each invited institution may submit one nominee to apply for this call.
• As in 2018, we continue to raise funds to support the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund. While not required, we also encourage applications from early investigators from a minority ethnic group who is underrepresented in science to be supported by this Fund. For the purposes of this application: African American, Hispanic American (non-European) or Native American and/or an Alaskan Native would be included in minority groups eligible for Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer research funding. Among our highly ranked finalists for the 2019 V Scholar Award, we will designate at least one of the highest ranked applications from a minority applicant as the recipient of a 2019 Stuart Scott Memorial Fund V Scholar Award.

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. Please do not distribute outside of your institution.
• Institutions must be non-profit research institutions in the US or Canada.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:
Inclusion: Nominees must be all of the following:
• 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 a permanent legal resident in the US. Not applicable to 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 can demonstrate that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
• By the Due Date of the Application, applicants must:
  o 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.
  o Have been appointed to their first full-time Assistant Professor position within the last 5 years, and not yet been promoted to Associate Professor.

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.

NEXT STEPS:
Nomination Form:
• Complete the attached Nomination Form for your nominee. The Nomination Form must include the Cancer Center Director’s or similar high ranking research official’s signature.
• Email the completed Nomination Form to nominations@jimmyv.org.
• After we receive your completed Nomination Form, the nominee will be invited to complete the online application.

Recommendation Letter: Nominee will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation with their online application due at a later time. This letter of recommendation should include:
• Your nomination process to identify the nominee
• Why you chose this nominee
• The institutional resources that will be available to the nominee
• The mentoring environment that will be available to the nominee
• If the research is bench to bedside in nature with patient contact, how will patient advocacy/communication be incorporated into their training?

IMPORTANT DATES:
Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, May 6, 2019

If you have questions about the nomination process, please contact the Grants Team at Grants@jimmyv.org for assistance. We are delighted to extend this invitation and look forward to receiving your nomination.

Best Wishes,
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