



2018 Cancer Research Grant Program

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2018 V SCHOLAR AWARD -Application Instructions

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

The V Scholar Award supports young tenure-track faculty early in their cancer research career by funding projects that are either laboratory-based fundamental research or translational research. The total amount of the grant is \$200,000 awarded in two annual installments of \$100,000 each. Only direct costs of the research are supported by this award.

WHO MAY APPLY?

You are invited to submit **one nominee** from your research institution. As in 2017, we are continuing to raise funds to support the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund. While not required, we encourage applications from young investigators from a minority ethnic group who is underrepresented in science. For the purposes of this application: African American or of African descent, Hispanic American (non-European) or Native American and/or an Alaskan Native would be included in minority groups. Among our highly ranked finalists for the 2018 V Scholar Award, we will designate at least one of the highest ranked applications from a minority applicant as the recipient of a 2018 Stuart Scott Memorial Fund V Scholar Award.

Special focus area: ANY area of cancer research is eligible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

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.
- Institutions must be non-profit research institutions in the US or Canada.

Applicant Eligibility: All nominated applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to submit an application:

- Applicant must be nominated by their Cancer Center Director or other senior research official who is responsible for the internal nominee selection process may make the nomination. **The nominator must certify that their nominee meets all eligibility criteria.**
- Applicant must be employed at a non-profit research institution (e.g., 501c3, Section 170).
- Applicant must have 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 the specialty.
- By the Due Date of the Application, applicants meet the following criteria:
 - 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** for this grant competition.
 - Have been appointed to their first full-time assistant professor position **within the last 5 years**, and have **not** yet been promoted to Associate Professor.
 - Clinical scientists may be eligible if the research institution can demonstrate that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, start-up funds, dedicated research time).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, CONTINUED:

- Applicants must be either US Citizens or be a permanent legal resident in the US.

Applicant can NOT already hold an RO1 or RO1-equivalent grants.

As of the Due Date of the Application, applicants who have been awarded **RO1s** or **RO1 equivalent** grants (Project leader on an NIH multi-investigator grant, ACS) as principal investigators or as co-leader at the time of application submission **are not eligible** for consideration as a V Scholar. In addition, applicants **cannot be** a co-leader on a SPORE project or (co)PI of the following NIH grant mechanisms: U01, DP1, DP2, R37, R23. In addition, principal investigators for research project grants (RPGs), analogous to NIH/NCI R01 awards, would be ineligible. The V Scholar award is meant to support research to leverage these larger awards so the nominee may not already have received these awards.

NEXT STEPS:

Letter of Recommendation: Your applicant will be asked to upload a letter of recommendation when they submit the application on-line. The letter of recommendation should include the following points:

- Your nomination process to identify the applicant
- Why you chose this applicant
- The institutional resources that will be available to the applicant
- The mentoring environment that will be available to the applicant
- If the research is translational in nature with patient contact- how will patient advocacy /communication be incorporated into their training

Your Pediatric Cancer V Scholar Applicant will also be asked to submit a full CV with all publications (not NIH Biosketch) and a list of other awarded research funding with their application on-line.

NEXT STEPS TO NOMINATE YOUR APPLICANT:

1. Go to <http://www.jimmyv.org/V-Scholar-Nomination> to download the Nomination form.
2. Complete the Nomination Form, and include Cancer Center Director's signature of certification to verify eligibility and upload to <http://www.jimmyv.org/V-Scholar-Nomination> **by Monday, April 2, 2018.**
3. After we receive your Nominee Information Form, we will issue log in credentials to your applicant who can then submit their application on-line. We will issue log in credentials to applicants as we receive nominations.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, April 2, 2018.

V Scholar Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Sara (Grants Manager, skezar@jimmyv.org) or Kameko (Grants Coordinator, Kowoeye@jimmyv.org) on the grants team for assistance. We are delighted to extend this invitation and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Best Wishes,

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