2017 Cancer Research Grant Program
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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 up to two nominees from your research institution for consideration for the V Scholar Award, if at least one of the two nominee applicants identifies as someone from an underrepresented in science minority ethnic group (for the purposes of this application: African American or of African descent, Hispanic American, or Native American and/or an Alaskan Native).

As in 2016, we are continuing to raise funds to support the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund initiative. Among our highly ranked finalists for the 2017 V Scholar program, we will designate at least one of the highest ranked applications from a minority applicant as the recipient of a 2017 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 emailed invitation may submit a nominee (or two, if at least one is eligible for Stuart Scott funding) as their candidate to submit an application. Other affiliates of the institution that did not receive the email are not eligible to nominate an applicant. We will not review unsolicited applications.
• Institutions must be non-profit research facilities in the US or Canada.
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**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 if the research institution is a cancer center. If the research institution is not a cancer center, then the dean, provost or another other senior research official who is responsible for the internal nominee selection process may make the nomination.
- 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 must have all the following:
  - 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 not yet been promoted to Associate Professor.
  - Clinical scientists are 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).
  - Applicants must be either US Citizens or be a permanent legal resident in the US.
- Applicant can NOT already have been awarded an RO1 or RO1-equivalent grants.
  As of the Due Date of the Application, applicants who have been awarded 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.

**NEXT STEPS TO NOMINATE YOUR APPLICANT:**
Complete the attached Nomination Form and email the form to grants@jimmyv.org by May 1, 2017. If you are nominating someone from an underrepresented in science ethnic group, please clearly indicate the nominee(s) who meet these criteria on the Nomination Form. The nomination form includes the signature of the Cancer Center Director (or similar high ranking research official if there is no cancer center director) who is responsible for the nomination and ensuring that the candidate meets all eligibility requirements.
We will issue log in credentials to applicants as we receive nomination forms.
IMPORTANT DATES:
Nomination Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Mon, May 1, 2017.
V Scholar Application Due Date: by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact me or Kameko Owooeye, Grants Coordinator for assistance. We are delighted to extend this invitation and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Best Wishes,

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