



## Limited Submission – Request for Application

### Funding Details:

**Funder:** V Foundation

Duration	3 years
Max. budget request	<b>\$600,000</b>

**Funding opportunity:** V Scholar Cancer Research Grant

**Website:** <https://www.v.org/research-overview/applicants/>

**Mission:** The V Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to saving lives by helping to find a cure for cancer. The V Foundation seeks to make a difference by generating broad-based support for cancer research and by creating an urgent awareness among all Americans of the importance of the war against cancer. The V Foundation performs these dual roles through advocacy, education, fundraising and philanthropy.

### Grant description:

The V Scholar grant supports young, independent investigators early in their cancer research careers by funding adult cancer projects that are either laboratory-based fundamental research or translational research. The V Scholar grant is intended to support research that will enable junior faculty to secure R01 or equivalent grants. There is a special interest this year in colorectal cancer. Research areas not included in this scope include epidemiology, behavioral science and health services research.

Applications are strongly encouraged from underrepresented minorities in research, who may be eligible for funding through the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund, and for projects that will advance the health outcomes for groups that have been historically understudied or that experience a high burden of illness.

**Stuart Scott Memorial Fund:** There is a particular interest by the V Foundation to support eligible candidates (V Scholar) and eligible projects (Translational grants) that meet the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Fund criteria. The Fund supports **V Scholar** scientists from minority ethnic groups underrepresented in science. This gives minority researchers important, early-career funding to establish their labs and begin their careers as cancer researchers.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be a US citizen or have permanent legal residency in the US
- Possess at least two years of postdoctoral (MD or PhD) fellowship training. For MDs, a minimum of one year is acceptable if only one year is required for their subspecialty.
- If a clinical scientist, have dedicated laboratory space, protected research time and institutional start-up funds.
- 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](mailto:grants@v.org) with the following to obtain approval BEFORE submitting the nomination form:

- o Appointment start date
- o Length of leave
- o Institutional tenure clock stoppages/extensions, if applicable

Applicants may not:

- Be a previous or current V Scholar awardee
- Have accepted or received notification of an R01 by this nomination due date.
- Have accepted or received 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)
- Have accepted or received 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 application instructions:** This is a limited submission opportunity. Interested researchers must be nominated by the Cancer Center and Office of Research Development to move forward to submit an application to The V Foundation. To apply for nomination, **please submit the following in a single PDF document by May 12, 2024 by 11:59pm MST:**

1. Two-page project summary that includes:
  - Background and Hypothesis
  - Specific Aims and Methods, including a brief plan for statistical analysis for each aim
  - Timeline and Expected Milestones
  - If applicable, a description of the plan for biomarker validation
  - If relevant, outline how the project addresses an understudied group and/or a high burden of illness
2. NIH-formatted biosketch (five-page limit)
3. Current and pending support information

**Smartsheet link:** V Foundation V Scholar

**Important dates:**

Internal application deadline	May 12, 2024, by 11:59pm MST
Application Deadline	July

**For questions about this limited submission opportunity, please contact Nikki Chandler at [cc\\_fundingops@cuanschutz](mailto:cc_fundingops@cuanschutz).**