



Limited Submission – Request for Application

Funding Details:

Funder: V Foundation

Duration	4 years
Max. budget request	\$800,000

Funding opportunity: Pediatric 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: This Request for Applications (RFA) is specifically for **pediatric** cancer research through the Translational grant mechanism. Applicants may propose pediatric cancer research that moves a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or uses specimens from a clinical trial to develop biomarkers or mechanisms. The research should apply in some direct way to human beings within the time frame of less than 3 years from the end of the grant. If biomarker research is undertaken, a validation set or independent clinical trial is essential. A plan for biomarker validation, if applicable, must be included in any proposal. The endpoint of the project should be the planning or initiation of a new clinical trial. 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.

Special Focus: This RFA is specifically for pediatric cancer research that falls into preclinical/translational research as described above. This year, we have special interest and funding for **colorectal cancer** and welcome research projects in this area. The Pediatric RFA encompasses both pediatric and young adult cancer research. While some colorectal cancer research may apply to younger populations, we do not anticipate colorectal cancer being a major focus in the pediatric RFA. Please note that research areas not included in this scope are epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.

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.
- Be Assistant Staff and have been appointed to this role no earlier than April 27, 2018

Applicants may not:

- Be a previous or current V Scholar awardee
- Have accepted or received notification of an R01 by April 27, 2023.
- 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)

Internal application instructions: This is a limited submission opportunity. Interested researchers must be nominated by the Office of Research Development to move forward to submit an application to The V Foundation. To apply for nomination, **please submit the following by Monday, March 18, 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 Pediatric Cancer Research Grant Submission Form](#)

Important dates:

Internal application deadline	March 18, 2024
Proposals due	June

For questions about this limited submission opportunity, please contact Nikki Chandler at cc_fundingops@cuanschutz.