

## UCSF May Submit 1 Application to Either the V Scholar or the Translational Grant

Internal Deadline: NOON, Friday, January 17, 2025

### PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

**WHAT:** V Foundation Women Scientists Innovation Award for Cancer Research V Scholar

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V Foundation Women Scientists Innovation Award for Cancer Research Translational Grant

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#### PURPOSE:

- To sustain the careers of women in research and preventing the loss of women from academic careers focused on cancer is paramount to accomplishing the V Foundation's mission.
- This opportunity is restricted to **adult** cancer research and **excludes** epidemiology, behavioral science, and health services research.
- This opportunity includes two different grant mechanisms:
  - **V Scholar:** restricted to adult cancer research that is exploratory or translational in focus. This award supports tenure-track faculty early in their cancer research career by funding projects that are either laboratory-based fundamental research or translational research. Emphasis for this grant mechanism is on supporting exceptional early career investigators at the Assistant Professor stage to be better positioned to leverage large R01 or similar sustaining grants.
  - **Translational Grant:** restricted to adult cancer research in the preclinical or translational space with a focus on bench-to bedside strategies. Applicants may propose cancer research that moves a novel strategy from the laboratory into a human clinical trial or uses specimens from a clinical trial to test hypotheses, develop biomarkers, or mechanisms. The research must apply in a direct way to human beings within 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 or conducting an investigator-initiated trial with laboratory correlates that test hypotheses.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- All applicants must:
  - Self-identify as a woman.
  - Hold a tenure-track or tenured faculty position. Non-promotable adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible.
    - Clinical scientists are eligible for the V Scholar award 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).
- V Scholar applicants must:

- 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 demonstrates that it will fully support the research applicant (e.g., dedicated lab space, committed research time, start-up funds).
- Must be in a full-time tenure track or tenured faculty position (for e.g., must be eligible to apply for PI status on an R01 at your institution). Non-promotable adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time, or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.
- V Scholar applicants must 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. Contact [grants@v.org](mailto:grants@v.org) with the following to obtain approval BEFORE submitting the nomination form:
    - Appointment start date
    - Length of leave
    - Institutional tenure clock stoppages/extensions, if applicable
- Translational Grant applicants must:
  - Hold a full-time faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor or Assistant Professor-equivalent level or above. Non-promotable, adjunct, affiliated, temporary, part-time or acting faculty positions are not eligible for Principal Investigator nomination.

**BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:**

- V Scholar:
  - Budget: \$600,000 direct costs per year
  - No indirect costs are allowed
  - Project Period: 3 years
- Translational Grant:
  - Budget: \$800,000 indirect costs up to 10% of direct costs allowed
  - Project Period: 4 years

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT:** 1 application to **either** the V Scholar **or** the Translational Grant

**DUE DATES:**

- **Internal:** NOON, Friday, January 17, 2025
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- Sponsor Nomination: Thursday, January 30, 2025 5PM ET
- Sponsor Application: Friday, February 28, 2025

**Submit the following in ONE PDF file by NOON, Friday, January 17, 2025, to:**  
[limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu)

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signature (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary (1-pg. max, excluding references)

3. NIH Biosketch (5-pg. max, including publications)  
(<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>)

*To qualify for UCSF Limited Submissions Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.*

*The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.*

*For information on all current LSOs, please visit: <http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp>*

*Sent by Limited Submissions Program (LSP) within the Research Development Office (RDO).*