

Stephen Voland Neuro-oncology Research Award 2021-2022

We are pleased to announce the request for applications for the Stephen Voland Neuro-oncology Research Award for 2021-2022.

Mr. Stephen Voland and his family went through the experience of an aggressive nervous system cancer in 2011-2012. One of the ways in which they waged their fight with this cancer was to fund research aimed at promoting better understanding and better treatment of CNS cancers. Stemming from their generous donation to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, the Stephen Voland Neuro-oncology Research Award has been established to support basic and clinical research in neuro-oncology. Previous Voland Fund awardees include Dr. A. Mistry 2018-19, Dr. Patrick Kelly 2019-20, and Dr. Michael Dewan 2020-2021.

Eligibility: Residents, clinical fellows, pre-doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, and junior faculty (not currently holding an R level grant or equivalent).

Amount and Use of Funds: This annual award provides \$6000 for neuro-oncology research. The funds may be used for a broad variety of endeavors, including: laboratory supplies and equipment, core facility use, technician support, educational and training programs including travel, manuscript and grant preparation. Activities that support completion of manuscripts and grant submissions are especially encouraged. All funded activities must specifically relate to neuro-oncology.

Application: The application, not to exceed two pages, is due on August 31, 2021. This should include:

- Project description: Background, Aim, Preliminary data (if available), and Plan.
- Brief Budget.
- Significance to the field of Neuro-oncology.
- Statement of mentor support.

Review and Announcement: Applications will be reviewed by a committee including Dr. Rebecca Ihrie, Ph.D., Dr. Bret Mobley, M.D., Dr. Paul Moots, M.D., Dr. Kevin Ess, M.D., Ph.D., Dr. Devang Pastakia, M.D., and Dr. Reid Thompson, M.D. The awardee will be announced on September 21, 2021.

Responsibilities of the Awardee: The awardee will be asked to present the background and plan of their project at the annual Neuro-oncology Research Retreat in January 2022, with a follow up presentation on results in 2023. Support from the Voland Award should be acknowledged in any related presentation or publication.

Submission: Please submit the application via email as a single PDF by August 31, 2021 to: Dr. Rebecca Ihrie, rebecca.ihrie@vanderbilt.edu