

Spotlight on the Bay Area, California

The V Foundation funds all types of research across all cancer types, including adult and pediatric cancers, common and rare cancers, from the laboratory to clinics, and from prevention and detection through treatment and recurrence.

The V Foundation solicits competitive research proposals from the 73 National Cancer Institute Designated Cancer Centers and other exceptional institutions across North America.

There are three NCI-Designated Cancer Centers in the Bay Area:

- Stanford Cancer Institute, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California at Davis, Sacramento, CA
- UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California at San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Our Impact on Cancer Research in the Bay Area, California

We've funded

102 grants totaling over \$37 million.

V Foundation funded researchers in the Bay Area, over their careers, have:

Received

**over 390 grants and
\$1.35 billion in funding.**

Produced

**over 5,900
publications.**

Worked on

**61 clinical
trials.**

V Foundation Funded Researchers – Proven Positive Impact

- **Christina Curtis, Ph.D.**, is a 2012 V scholar, a two-time Translational grantee, and a 2025 All-Star grant recipient from Stanford Cancer Institute..
- Anthracyclines are an effective chemotherapy for breast cancer patients, however they are associated with serious side-effects including heart damage and risk of secondary cancers.
- Dr. Curtis' research has discovered a set of biomarkers that determines how responsive a tumor is to the anthracycline treatment in the lab.
- These results require clinical validation, but have amazing potential to target treatment to patients based on their tumor characteristics. Notably, this study will help patients who would not benefit from anthracyclines avoid the notoriously harmful effects of this chemotherapy.
- Learn more about Dr. Curtis' research [here](#).



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