

**The Dr. Richard A. Falls Virginia Lions Eye Institute Research Grant  
Application Form (Rev. October 2021)**

Mission Statement: The Dr. Richard A. Falls Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation Grant seeks to support research, which will contribute to the wider field of knowledge on eye disease with the goal of improving vision and eye health.

The application deadline is in October of each calendar year. For the specific date for a given year please contact the grant committee. Grant funding is for one year. The amount of funding is to be determined based upon the needs of the project and the number of competitive grants received in a given year. Grants may range from \$500 up to \$40,000 with the opportunity to re-apply for a second cycle if necessary. It is the expectation that the proposed research will be conducted according to the ethical standards and IRB obligations of the primary investigator's affiliated institution.

Medical students, residents and fellows are encouraged to apply. An attending physician must be co-investigator on the application.

At the end of the one-year cycle, investigators are asked to submit a brief summary detailing the progress of the research study and in what way the grant funding contributed to completion of the project.

The below form should be completed by the primary investigator applying for the project. In addition to completing the requested information on this application, please include the following as separate attached pages to the application:

1. Cover Sheet
2. The Primary Investigator's (PI) Curriculum Vitae
3. A 500 word or less summary of the proposed project including the research question, background, and proposed methods and including how the research ties in to the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation (VLEIF) mission statement.
4. A bibliography limited to one printed page
5. A budget to include all costs associated with conducting the research and presenting the findings at a local or national conference.
6. A list of grants or any current funding for the proposed study
7. W-9 from the PI's home institution
8. Name and phone number of the individual in the affiliated institution's accounting office that will be responsible for receiving transferred funds.

Please complete the following information below:

Primary Investigator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Research  
Project \_\_\_\_\_

PI Contact Information (include mailing address, email and phone number)  
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It is the expectation that any published results or any data presented will be shared with the VLEIF and that a summary of the status of the project will be submitted to the VLEIF at the end of the one-year cycle.

The Richard A. Falls Virginia Lions Eye Grant Administrators are Dr. Mark Falls, Sally Kenavan and Dr. Alex Melamud. For any question, please feel free to reach out by email or phone to Dr. Melamud at 703 698 9335 (amelamud@rgw.com)