

2024 V SUMMIT

May 15-17

Hosted by SAS Institute



NOTE: All event times listed are in Eastern Time

May 15 | Wednesday

6:00 – 8:00PM **Pre-event Social Gathering**
StateView Hotel, The Hub

May 16 | Thursday

*All daytime sessions will be held at SAS Institute - Executive Briefing Center (EBC)
Building C - 820 SAS Campus Drive, Cary, NC; Room EBC-7 unless otherwise noted below.*

7:15 – 8:00AM **Group Transportation from StateView Hotel to SAS Campus**

8:00 – 9:15AM **Breakfast Service**
EBC Networking Hall

Attendee Check-In & Registration
EBC Networking Hall (Event Desk)

9:15 – 9:30AM **Welcome to the 2024 V Summit**
Room EBC-7

Executive welcome from host sponsor, SAS Institute. A brief history of the V Foundation, mission statements, and purpose for the meeting.

Susan Duchesneau

Senior Director, North America Channel Sales | SAS Institute

Shane Jacobson

Chief Executive Officer | the V Foundation for Cancer Research

9:30 – 10:00AM **V Grantee Icebreakers & Introductions**

10:00 – 12:00PM **Communicating Complex Science: Practical Techniques for Clarity and Impact**
Embark on a transformative journey in our Science Communication Workshop where grantees are provided a safe space to learn the bedrock skills for conveying complex scientific ideas with clarity and impact. Through interactive sessions, grantees will refine their communication skills and learn effective storytelling techniques. This workshop equips researchers with the tools and confidence to inspire, educate, and ignite curiosity around their science.

Presenter

Melissa Heffner

VentureLab Program Director | Georgia Institute of Technology

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12:00 - 1:15PM	Lunch Service & Networking Time <i>SAS Café (Section B reserved for the V Foundation)</i>
1:15 – 2:00PM	Flash Talks – Session 1 <i>All flash talk sessions will be held in Auditorium EBC-150</i> V Grantees have the opportunity to put their newly enriched communication skills to work while presenting 2.5 minute “flash talks” about their V Foundation-funded research projects to their colleagues and a non-specialist audience. Moderator Susanna Greer, PhD Chief Scientific Officer the V Foundation
2:00 – 2:15PM	Short Break
2:15 – 3:00PM	Flash Talks – Session 2 Moderator Kara Coleman, PhD Vice President of Grants and Research the V Foundation
3:00 – 3:30PM	Afternoon Networking Break Over Snacks <i>EBC Networking Hall</i>
3:30 – 4:30PM	Flash Talks – Session 3 Moderator Caroline Smith, PhD Director, Foundation and Scientific Partnerships the V Foundation
4:30 – 5:00PM	Group Transportation from SAS Campus to StateView Hotel
5:00 – 6:00PM	Break
6:00 – 6:30PM	Group Transportation from StateView Hotel to Dinner Social
6:30 – 9:00PM	Offsite Dinner & Social Time <i>Sports & Social @ Cary</i> <i>301 Fenton Gateway Drive, Cary, NC 27511</i>

May 17 | Friday

7:15 – 8:00AM	Group Transportation from the StateView Hotel to SAS Campus
8:00 – 9:00AM	Breakfast Service <i>EBC Networking Hall</i>
9:00 – 10:15AM	Mentoring Panel Session 1 – Advice from Past V Grantees A panel of past V Grantees will share their career path experience and advice during this interactive Q&A panel. Discussion topics include recruiting and hiring, work/life balance, publishing, and overcoming adversity.

Moderator

Kara Coleman, PhD

Vice President of Grants and Research | the V Foundation

Panelists

Jessica Blackburn, PhD (2016 V Scholar)

Associate Professor, Molecular and Cellular Biology | Markey Cancer Center

Donita C. Brady, PhD (2017 V Scholar)

Harrison McCrea Dickson, M.D. and Clifford C. Baker, M.D. Presidential Associate Professor, Dept. of Cancer Biology & Assistant Dean for Inclusion Diversity and Equity in Research Training | Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Javier Gordon Ogembo, PhD (2016 V Scholar)

Associate Professor, Department of Immuno-Oncology and Director, City of Hope Global Oncology Initiative | City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center

10:15 – 10:45AM

Morning Break & Networking Time

EBC Networking Hall

10:45 – 12:00PM

Effective Leadership & Management

Successfully leading and managing a lab is key to success in academia. In this interactive Q&A session, we will hear from experts outside of academia who will share insights from the business world on topics including conflict resolution, mentoring, budgeting, and how to develop strong leadership skills.

Moderator

Susanna Greer, PhD

Chief Scientific Officer | the V Foundation

Panelists

Jackie Aanes

Chief of Staff/Executive Director of Administration | the V Foundation

Naeemah Elias

Founder | Elias Presence Ventures

12:00 – 1:00PM

Lunch Service & Networking Time

SAS Café (Section B reserved for V Foundation)

1:00 – 2:00PM

The Art of Saying No

Whether we are just starting independent careers, are mid-career, or fully established, the demands on our time exceed available hours in the day. There is a lot to do, and we tend to spread ourselves too thin. Learning to say NO to things that are less important allows us to say YES to things that are more important. The choice is personal but the art of saying NO takes years to master and its practice needs to start early.

Presenter

Olivera (Olja) J. Finn, PhD

Distinguished Professor, Department of Immunology | University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

2:00 – 2:10PM

Short Break

2:10 – 3:30PM

Mentoring Panel Session 2 – Advice from V Foundation SAC Members

Auditorium EBC-150

Attendees will have the opportunity to get advice from senior faculty members of the V Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee during this Q&A panel. Topics will include successful hiring practices, time management, strategies for acquiring grant funding, and more.

Moderator

Susanna Greer, PhD

Chief Scientific Officer | the V Foundation

Panelists

Ryan Corcoran, MD, PhD

Director, GI Cancer Center Program | MGH Cancer Center

H. Shelton (Shelley) Earp, MD

Director | UNC Cancer Care & UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

Olivera (Olja) J. Finn, PhD

Distinguished Professor, Department of Immunology | University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Susan G. Hilsenbeck, PhD

Professor, Director, Biostatistics and Informatics Shared Resource | Dan L.
Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center

Joseph O. Moore, MD

Professor Emeritus of Medicine | Duke University, Duke Cancer Institute

Brian Patrick O'Neill, MD

Program Director/Principal Investigator, NCI T32 Training Grant in Brain Cancer
Research | Mayo Clinic Cancer Center

Naim Rashid, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics | Gillings School of Global Public
Health, and UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

Jonathan W. Simons, MD

Chief Science Officer and Medical Director | The Marcus Foundation

Barry P. Sleckman, MD, PhD

Director | O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama

3:30 – 3:45PM

V Summit Recap & Housekeeping