VCU Internal Funding Opportunities

Web: http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development

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Quest Innovation Fund
Funds innovative pilot initiatives at VCU that help advance the “Quest for Distinction.” Faculty, staff, students, and community partners with co-sponsors from within the university are eligible to apply. Requests of $50,000 or less will be given priority.

http://www.quest.vcu.edu/innovation/

Faculty Learning Communities
A Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is an interdisciplinary group of faculty who engage in active, collaborative exploration around a common learning issue. ALT Lab supports networks of scholars and practitioners with overlapping interests who, at the end of the year, will produce a learning resource.

http://altlab.vcu.edu/who-we-are/faculty-development/

Presidential Research Quest Fund
Supports new, emerging, or continuing research by all VCU faculty. Where possible, the proposed work should advance interdisciplinary research and inter-campus collaboration. The maximum total award is $50,000 and requires that the PI’s department or college provide at least 40% cost share.

http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/research_fund/index.htm

Geriatric Training & Education Initiative
Funds workforce training and education initiatives that can be completed within the fiscal year. Applications for training projects, conferences, or similar educational programs are appropriate. Awards from $1,000 to $25,000.


Quest Global Impact Awards
Funds proposals from academic units to develop new and innovative programming in support of the Quest for Distinction’s internationalization goals. Supports: Collaborative Academic Program Awards; Departmental Study Abroad; Global Visiting Scholar Awards; Virtual Global Classroom Awards; and Faculty Development Seminars. Awards up to $20,000.

http://www.global.vcu.edu/ggia/

Humanities Research Grants
Foster excellence in research and creative scholarship by supporting costs such as travel to archives, and expenses related to collection of data such as photocopying fees. $1,000 awards may be used during the summer months.

http://humanitiescenter.vcu.edu/humanities-research-center-grants/

Alzheimer's & Related Diseases Research Award Fund
Provides seed money to researchers in Virginia to stimulate innovative research into biomedical and psychosocial aspects of dementia, including cell biology, caregiving, and animal modeling. Awards are limited to $45,000.

http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/departments/vcoa/apply-for-a-grant/

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants
Funds small research grants of up to $30,000 for junior faculty to conduct one year of basic, pre-clinical, clinical and cancer-control research studies. Applicants should not have received a nationally competitive research grant.

https://www.massey.vcu.edu/research/funding/acs-institutional-research-grants/

KL2 Program
Provides salary support and $25,000 in start-up funds for faculty-level clinical and translational scientists near the beginning of their investigative careers. KL2 scholars are initially appointed for two years as they work toward receiving their own independent mentored career development award.

http://www.cctr.vcu.edu/education/kl2/

Service Learning & Community Engagement Grants
Various mechanisms support efforts to promote service learning, community engagement, and community engaged research. Awards range from $1,000 to $20,000.

http://www.community.vcu.edu/resources-toolkit/funding/

CCTR Endowment Fund
Supports meritorious pilot and feasibility clinical and translational research, up to $50,000. All VCU faculty are eligible, and applications including investigators from multiple disciplines are encouraged. Proposals due Nov 1, Feb 1, May 1 and Aug 1.

http://www.cctr.vcu.edu/resources/funding.html

Unit Internal Grants
Some Schools/Departments have their own internal funding to support the scholarly work of faculty
Proposal Development & Funding
Key Resources at VCU
Web: http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/index.htm

Get Prepared through Mentoring

School of Medicine mentoring resources: This webpage includes links to information about mentoring for faculty and students. http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/facultyaffairs/career_dev/mentoring

Academy of Mentors: The Academy of Mentors is a formal mentoring pool identified by the VCU Center for Clinical and Translational Research as faculty likely to provide exemplary mentoring in clinical and translational research. http://www.cctr.vcu.edu/education/mentors.html

Unit level mentoring opportunities: Review the mentoring programs and opportunities within your unit.

Find Funding Opportunities

Pivot: Pivot combines the most comprehensive database of funding opportunities worth an estimated $33 billion with a unique database of 3 million pre-populated scholar profiles. Users can search for a funding opportunity, instantly view matching faculty, and generate opportunities automatically based on their own profiles. http://library.vcu.edu/search/1145

Internal funding opportunities: Units across VCU support faculty research, scholarship, and service. http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/funding.htm

Limited Submissions: To prevent any potential disqualification of submissions, VCU requires that investigators notify the Office of Sponsored Programs if a limited submission is planned or there is an intention to apply for a limited program. Sign up to receive notifications of limited submissions at http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/res-adm.htm.

Schedule a one-on-one grant search appointment: In addition to regular group training the Office of Research Development Services dedicates one day per month on each campus to meet with investigators in order to customize a grant search strategy based on their research interests. http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/assistance.htm

Access Proposal Development Resources

VCU Funded Proposal Library: The Funded Proposal Library provides investigators with examples of successfully funded research grants from VCU faculty. The library includes a broad range of research topics from various funding agencies. https://www.vcu.edu/research/protected/examples.htm

Proposal writing guides: Get advice from VCU and other sources on how to develop a successful grant proposal. See http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/grant_proposal.htm

Foundation funding: Before contacting or submitting any proposal to a private sponsor, be sure to follow the guidelines established by the Corporate and Foundations Relations Office. http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/funding.htm
Learn Proposal Submission Procedures

**Office of Sponsored Programs:** The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is VCU’s office authorized to submit research proposals and receive awards from all sources on behalf of the University. The Blue, Green, and Gold Teams are assigned by Department and work on Government and Non-Profit proposals and awards; the Red Team works on Industry-funded proposals and awards. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/index.htm](http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/index.htm)

**Forms:** Be sure that you have signed, routed, and submitted the proper forms with your grant to OSP. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/forms/index.htm#osp_forms](http://www.research.vcu.edu/forms/index.htm#osp_forms)

**RAMS-SPOT:** RAMS-SPOT is VCU’s electronic research administration database through which you can create funding proposals and route them for approval, submit documents for review, and manage your award. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/vcuera/](http://www.research.vcu.edu/vcuera/)

**Attend Training and Workshops**

**Training and Workshops:** The VCU Office of Research and Innovation and the VCU Center for Clinical and Translational Research offer a variety of live educational workshops for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and graduate students. These sessions provide assistance in finding funding, research development, proposal preparation, proposal submission, human participant and animal subjects research, post-award management, and responsible conduct of research. See the [Office of Research and Innovation Calendar of Events](http://www.research.vcu.edu/events/index.htm)

**Mandatory Training:** There are several mandatory training modules that investigators, research staff, and research administrators must complete before awards can be processed.

- Mandatory training programs in sponsored project compliance and effort certification have been developed to increase awareness and accountability and to reduce risk to the University. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/training.htm](http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/training.htm)
- CITI training in either Biomedical or Social-Behavioral Research provides baseline entry and refreshers into human subjects research at VCU. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/human_research/citi_requirements.htm](http://www.research.vcu.edu/human_research/citi_requirements.htm)
- Investigators and animal handlers at VCU are required to complete education and training modules before protocol submissions will be approved. [https://www.vcu.edu/research/acup/training.htm](https://www.vcu.edu/research/acup/training.htm)

**Receive Communications**

**Research Administrators:** “RES-ADM” is a place to share information, ask questions about theory and/or practice, and to find out how others have solved the problem you are facing. Examples of postings include special program announcements, sponsor-issued changes, notices of and instructions for limited submissions funding opportunities, and training opportunities. [http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/res-adm.htm](http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/res-adm.htm)

**Resources for Researchers blog:** “Resources for Researchers” announces opportunities and tools of interest to VCU investigators. Subscribe to receive notifications of new posts. [http://wp.vcu.edu/resourcesresearchers/](http://wp.vcu.edu/resourcesresearchers/)

**Get to Know Research Support Staff**

For more information about Research Resources available through the Office of Research and Innovation, contact Dr. John J. Ryan, Associate Vice President for Research Development (jryan@vcu.edu) or Melissa Throckmorton, Coordinator for Research Development Services (throckmortms@vcu.edu). Identify and contact your unit’s proposal development personnel to find out processes and resources: [http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/getting_started.htm](http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/getting_started.htm)