



FUNDING SOURCES AND SEARCHES

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Funding sources

- Federal Sources (the alphabet soup)
 - NIH
 - Other HHS
 - NSF
 - DoD
- Non-Profit Foundations
- Virginia Funding Opportunities
- Internal Small Grants

[NIH funding]

- Research Grants (R)
- Career Development Awards (K)
- Institutional Research Training Grants (T)
- Fellowships (F)
- Small Business Awards (SBIR/STTR)

Foundation funding

- Visit Office of Research website for links:
<http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/resources/funding.htm>
- Foundation Directory Database Searches
 - Contact Office of Research (Jessica Venable jcvenable@vcu.edu)
 - Contact CCTR Research Incubator (Pamela Dillon pmdillon@vcu.edu)
- Seek assistance from VCU foundation office:
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Virginia funding sources

- **Alzheimers and Related Diseases Award Fund**
www.vcu.edu/vcoa/ardraf.htm
- **Commonwealth Health Research Board** Supports research for medical and biomedical research related to causes & cures of diseases, health services, and delivery of health care.
http://chr.org/linked_documents/2009GuideLines.doc
- **Jeffress Memorial Trust** Supports basic biomedical research
www.research.vcu.edu/JeffressMemorialTrust.pdf

VCU internal funding sources

- **A.D. Williams** (Application deadlines: Aug. 1, Nov. 1, Feb. 1, and May 1) <http://www.vcu.edu/adw/>
- **American Cancer Society Internal Grant**
(Application deadline: September 15)
<http://www.masseym.vcu.edu/research/?pid=2005>
- **Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CReFF)**
(Application solicitation: January/ February)
<http://www.vcuhealth.org/crc/caps.htm>

Industry funding as an option

Office of Sponsored Programs

Ms. Susan Robb, Assistant Vice President for Research Administration (sarobb@vcu.edu)

- Facilitates and promotes research collaborations with industry
- Negotiates and approves contracts for industry-sponsored research, including clinical trials
 - The “Red Team” works on industry sponsored proposals

<http://www.research.vcu.edu/osp/index.htm>

Finding what is available

Research Resources on VCU Research website www.research.vcu.edu

The screenshot shows the VCU Office of Research website in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser's address bar displays <http://www.research.vcu.edu/index.htm>. The website features a navigation menu on the left with links to: Vice President for Research, Our Offices, Proposal Submissions, Intellectual Property, Human Research Protection, Animal Research, and Centers and Institutes. The main content area includes a search bar, a logo for VCU Research (Virginia Commonwealth University Office of the Vice President for Research), and a featured section for VCU Centers and Institutes, specifically the VCU Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR), accompanied by an image of a flask with a plant. Below this are four buttons: Research Highlights, Research Resources (highlighted), VCUeRA, and Contact Us. The Research Resources section contains four sub-links: Research Incubator, Research Compliance Matrix, Grant Proposal Development, and Funding Opportunities. At the bottom, there is contact information for the Office of the Vice President for Research and the VCU Office of Research, including the address: 800 East Leigh Street, PO Box 980568, Richmond, VA 23298. The date last modified is August 7, 2008.

[The VCUeRA system]

- Research administration system used to maintain proposals, contracts, awards, IRB and IACUC protocol reviews, and faculty expertise at VCU
- Offers web-based modules for locating funding opportunities, and proposing and tracking research projects

VCUeRA Funding Searches

- **SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network)** – information on current national and international, government and private funding sources
- **SMARTS (SPIN Matching And Research Transmittal Service)** – automated daily alerts of funding opportunities that match keywords entered into your GENIUS profile
- **GENIUS (Global Expertise Network for Industry, Universities and Scholars)** – Houses profiles of investigators

[Federal Funding Searches]

- Grants.gov: www.grants.gov
 - Searchable database and e-mail notification for all federal funding opportunities
- NIH: funding opportunities at www.nih.gov
 - NIH listserv: listserv@list.nih.gov

[Learning more]

- Proposal writing workshops (NIH, NSF, Foundation)
 - Offered periodically throughout year – announced on VCU telegRAM
- Genius training (creating your profile and using SPIN and SMARTS)
 - Offered monthly
- NIH electronic grant submission
 - Offered monthly
- Responsible conduct of research (RCR) workshops
 - Currently offered primarily for postdoctoral scholars, with faculty included as space allows

All trainings listed on website:
<http://www.research.vcu.edu/events/index.htm>