VCU Internal Funding Opportunities

Web: [http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development](http://www.research.vcu.edu/research_development)  last updated 8/10/2016

**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/](http://www.quest.vcu.edu/innovation/)

**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](http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/research_fund/index.htm)

**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/showcase/flc/](http://altlab.vcu.edu/showcase/flc/)

**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/g gia/](http://www.global.vcu.edu/g gia/)

**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/](http://humanitiescenter.vcu.edu/humanities-research-center-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.cc tr.vcu.edu/education/k l2/](http://www.cc tr.vcu.edu/education/k l2/)

**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.


**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](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