The university’s internal funding programs help faculty enhance their careers at crucial junctures. These awards launch or propel discovery, scholarship, works of art and creative expression.
Trans-Institutional Programs

**Website:** vu.edu/tips

Provide funds for trans-institutional efforts that are, or may lead to, emerging programs, centers and institutes. Awards, which bring together faculty from more than one school, support entities that collectively aim to answer big questions and address grand challenges.

**Vanderbilt Initiative Awards (VIA)** provide up to $100,000 of pilot funding per year for small-scale or new initiatives that show potential to become major hubs of activity that will advance Vanderbilt’s core missions.

**Vanderbilt Reinvestment Awards (VRA)** fund existing centers and institutes that facilitate learning collaborations and research discoveries across campus.

**Proposal Deadline:** Fall 2018

**Award Announcement:** Spring 2019

**Discovery Grants**

**Website:** vu.edu/dg

Designed to serve as a catalyst to external funding, these awards fund new ideas, cutting-edge research and the development of new or existing infrastructure. Funds can be used to support interdisciplinary research, purchase new equipment or subsidize a pilot study.

**Proposal Deadline:** January 2019

**Award Announcement:** Spring 2019

**RESEARCH SCHOLAR Grants**

**Website:** vu.edu/rsg

Provides funding for innovative scholarship and creative expression projects that are unlikely to secure extramural funding. These awards support humanistic research and efforts that result in the creation of artistic or humanist bodies of work. Funding can support research scholar fellowships, lectures and symposia, the publishing of a book and more.

**Proposal Deadline:** February 2019

**Award Announcement:** Spring 2019

**UNIVERSITY COURSES**

**Website:** vu.edu/uc

Allows faculty members from one or more schools to collaborate on the design and implementation of new and creative courses that tackle big questions, address multicultural learning and explore innovation.

**Proposal Deadline:** Fall 2018

**Award Announcement:** Spring 2019

**Course Design Institute**

**Website:** vu.edu/cft-cdi

This three-day institute brings together Vanderbilt educators to discuss course design elements that enhance student engagement and learning. All participants leave the institute with course plans and draft syllabi for courses to be taught the following year and provost-reporting faculty receive $500 in research funds. Faculty interested in incorporating elements of design thinking into their courses may participate in the DIVE track in support of Vanderbilt’s QEP—Design as an Immersive Vanderbilt Experience.

**Proposal Deadline:** March 2019

**Award Announcement:** April 2019

**Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows**

**Website:** vu.edu/cft-jff

This yearlong program provides faculty with a structured set of professional development activities aimed at refining their teaching skills, including course design and lesson planning. Fellows participate in discussions, individual consultations and seminars on teaching and learning, and receive $2,000 in research funds.

**Application Deadline:** May 2019

**Award Announcement:** June 2019

**BOLD Fellows Program**

**Website:** vu.edu/boldfellows

The Blended & Online Learning Design (BOLD) Fellows Program is designed to help graduate student and faculty teams build expertise in developing online instructional materials grounded in good course design principles. Faculty partner with graduate students to design and develop online instructional materials to solve a teaching “problem” in one of their courses. Teams integrate the materials into an existing class and investigate their impact on student learning. The fellowship carries a $1,000 award for the graduate student partner as well as a $500 stipend for travel to present the project.

**Proposal Deadline:** May 2019

**Award Announcement:** June 2019

**VIDL: Faculty Working Groups**

**Website:** vu.edu/vidl-grants

These small working groups are designed to provide faculty with the resources necessary to engage in open-ended experimentation related to digital innovation. VIDL provides up to $4,000 for eligible workshops with funds typically spent on equipment purchases, guest speakers, etc.

**Proposal Deadline:** April 2019

**Award Announcement:** May 2019

**VIDL: MacroGrants**

**Website:** vu.edu/vidl-grants

These grants provide seed funding for faculty and staff to jumpstart innovative projects that may otherwise not be undertaken, such as online closed seminars or digital learning workshops. VIDL provides funding up to $10,000 for the purchase of new equipment/software, payment of expert labor or other activities/resources.

**Proposal Deadline:** October 2018 & April 2019

**Award Announcement:** November 2018 & May 2019

**VIDL: MicroGrants**

**Website:** vu.edu/vidl-grants

These grants provide funding of up to $500 for faculty and staff to purchase minor equipment and software (e.g., microphones or cameras) meant to enhance innovation and digital learning.

**Proposal Deadline:** Rolling basis year-round

**Award Announcement:** Monthly

Visit program websites for specific eligibility guidelines and proposal deadlines.