University Faculty Funding Programs

**Trans-Institutional Programs**

Trans-Institutional Programs (TIPs) are a centerpiece of the Academic Strategic Plan. The program is designed to serve as a catalyst to support new ideas, cutting-edge research and the development of infrastructure by supporting emerging and existing trans-institutional centers and institutes. The awards are meant to support organizations that facilitate research and teaching collaborations across disciplines, aiming to address topics of critical academic and societal interest, embrace discovery and spark learning to position Vanderbilt as a world leader in a given area. This program is open to all VU and VUMC-employed faculty.

**University Courses**

University Courses promote new and creative trans-institutional learning, a key component of Vanderbilt University’s Academic Strategic Plan. A natural offshoot of Trans-Institutional Programs (TIPs), these courses leverage the natural synergies across Vanderbilt’s schools and colleges, providing faculty the opportunity to reach beyond departmental boundaries to deliver innovative classes on significant subjects. This program is open to all full-time VU and VUMC-employed faculty for courses teaching students in schools and colleges reporting to the Provost.

**Discovery Grants**

The Discovery Grant program is one of the primary ways Vanderbilt invests in advancing core disciplines, thereby strengthening the scholarly profile of the university. The program is designed to serve as a catalyst to significant external funding sources, supporting new ideas, cutting-edge research and the development of infrastructure. The Discovery Grant Program provides a springboard to make possible external grants that will be more attractive to large federal funding agencies such as the NSF, NIH, DoD, etc. All full-time, VU-employed (Provost-reporting) faculty are eligible.

**Research Scholar Grants**

The Research Scholar Grant program provides funding for innovative scholarship and creative expression projects that are unlikely to have extramural funding options available. These awards support humanistic research and efforts that result in the creation of artistic or humanist bodies of work. All full-time, VU-employed (Provost-reporting) faculty are eligible.