Overview

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, aim 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.

Vanderbilt Initiative Awards (ViA)
- Small-scale or new initiatives that showcase potential to become a major hub of activity that will advance the core missions of Vanderbilt.
- Provide seed funding up to $100,000 per year.
- Most awards receive two years of funding.
- Provide faculty the opportunity to pursue innovative ideas for discovery and learning with colleagues from diverse disciplines.
- Must include collaborators from multiple schools and colleges. *

Vanderbilt Reinvestment Awards (VRA)
- Awarded to centers and institutes that facilitate learning collaborations across campus.
- Assist collaborations taking a critical next step in order to ensure continued success.
- Funding varies on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants are required to submit a budget with their proposal.
- Must secure partnerships with respective deans as part of the full-proposal submission process.

Eligibility Requirements
- All full-time faculty are eligible. Tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty must obtain approval from their dean. The lead organizer must also demonstrate a past commitment to advancing collaborative endeavors.
- Other participants in the proposal must be full-time faculty devoted to discovery and learning.
- Proposals must involve faculty from at least two Vanderbilt schools and colleges.
  *Exceptions can be made if an intra-college proposal demonstrates a truly interdisciplinary approach.
- Proposals should seek to establish or invest in organizations that support addressing topics of critical academic and societal interest and advance Vanderbilt’s commitment to inclusive excellence.
- For a full list of eligibility requirements, please visit the Provost Office website.
- To learn more about TIPs, or to ask a specific question about the program, please contact TIPS@vanderbilt.edu.

Key Dates
- Proposal window opens: Oct. 2, 2017
- Pre-proposals due: Oct. 30, 2017
- Full proposals due: Jan. 22, 2018
- Award announcements: May 2018
- Funds available: July 1, 2018