Overview

Trans-Institutional Programs (TIPs) are pilot funds for trans-institutional efforts that are, or may lead to, emerging programs, centers and institutes. Awards are also made to reinvest in existing trans-institutional centers and institutes. TIPs support such entities that collectively aim to answer big questions and address grand challenges. They seed and expand research and teaching collaborations across disciplines, solve critical problems, 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.

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
- This program is open to all VU and VUMC-employed faculty.
- The lead organizer of a proposal must be a tenured or tenure track member of the faculty, or a non-tenure track faculty member if an exception is granted by academic deans of the schools involved.
- 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.
- 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: November 3, 2016
- Pre-proposals due: November 28, 2016
- Full proposals due: January 23, 2017
- Award announcements: May 2017
- Funds available: July 1, 2017