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Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to announce a [new COVID-19 rapid research funding opportunity](#), supported by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation and the Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research. This new funding program at VCU is aimed at encouraging and enabling the rapid expansion of COVID-19 research across a broad range of subject areas to diminish the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the health system and community.

**This emergency and rapid response research funding is intended for researchers from both campuses and all programs**, including arts, humanities, business, education, policy, engineering, and clinical and biomedical sciences. While there is no restriction on topic area, the primary goal of this COVID-19 research funding mechanism is to advance projects ready for rapidly developing or deploying processes, applications, systems, products, tools, technologies, drugs, diagnostics, etc., that will enhance real time decision making and/or implementation both within the health system and in the community. In addition, new research leading to generation of preliminary data for submission of grants in response to COVID-19 extramural funding opportunities will be considered.

**Awards can be up to \$10,000 and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.** A total of \$200,000 in funding is available to support this new granting mechanism.

[Review the eligibility guidelines and apply online now.](#) The overall coordination of this funding mechanism will be managed by the VCU COVID-19 Rapid Research Funding Team. Please direct any questions to Melissa Throckmorton, director of research development and strategic projects, at [throckmortms@vcu.edu](mailto:throckmortms@vcu.edu).

Please continue to review [the OVPRI COVID-19 website](#), which we update as we gain new information from our funding agencies, regulatory bodies, partners and the university. A new section on funding is now available to supplement the guidance offered by the Division of Sponsored Programs within the OVPRI.

Sincerely,

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