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.

**CHANCELLOR FACULTY FELLOWS**

**Website:** vu.edu/eff

On a competitive basis, newly tenured professors (or those of equivalent rank in the Blair and Law Schools) are awarded the title of Chancellor Faculty Fellow. Award funds, $40,000 per year for two years, are designed to support professional development and faculty research, scholarship and/or creative work that help faculty advance at this critical time in their careers.

**PROVOST Research Studios**

**Website:** vu.edu/prs

These awards support the professional development of assistant and associate professors by providing funding to organize mentoring from outside the university.

**Limited Submission Grant and Award Opportunities**

**Website:** vu.edu/lso

LSOs are external funding opportunities from federal and foundation sponsors that limit the number of applications that Vanderbilt may submit. Faculty can apply to be the institutional nominee for an LSO, and, if multiple individuals apply, an internal committee will review the applications and select the nominee.

**Proposal Deadline:** Variable

**Award Announcement:** Variable

**Professional Development Events**

The provost’s Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs hosts professional development events and information sessions throughout the year. The events range from those open to all faculty to workshops designed for specific groups. For a full list of upcoming opportunities, please refer to the calendar located on the Office of the Provost website: vu.edu/provost

Visit program websites for specific eligibility guidelines.

**Faculty Awards**

As faculty advance their careers to the next level, Vanderbilt recognizes them in a variety of ways. VU currently awards 12 university-wide prizes to faculty. The awards cover all three categories of faculty work: research, service and teaching.

**Website:** vu.edu/faculty-awards

- Chancellor’s Awards for Research
- Chancellor’s Awards for Research on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Earl Sutherland Prize for Achievement in Research
- Chancellor’s Cup
- Thomas Jefferson Award
- Alexander Heard Distinguished Service Professor Award
- Alumni Education Award
- Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching
- Harvie Branscomb Distinguished Professor Award
- Joe B. Wyatt Distinguished University Professor Award
- Joseph A. Johnson Jr. Distinguished Leadership Professor Award
- Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

**More Information**

- Office of the Provost: vu.edu/provost
- Academic Strategic Plan: vu.edu/strategicplan
- Faculty Development and Diversity: vu.edu/fdd
- Office of Cross-College Initiatives: vu.edu/occi
- Faculty Senate: vu.edu/facultysenate
Trans-Institutional Programs

 partirly of TIPS awards 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 2017
Award Announcement: June 2018

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 2018
Award Announcement: Spring 2018

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 2018
Award Announcement: Spring 2018

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Website: vu.edu/uc

A natural offshoot of TIPS, this funding platform 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 2017
Award Announcement: Spring 2018

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 DIVEE track in support of Vanderbilt’s QEP—Design as an Immersive Vanderbilt Experience.

Proposal Deadline: March 2018
Award Announcement: April 2018

Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows

Website: vu.edu/cft-jff

This 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 2018
Award Announcement: June 2018

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: November 2017
Award Announcement: December 2017

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 2018
Award Announcement: May 2018

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: November 2017 & May 2018

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.