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First Things First

- Am I a competitive applicant?
- At what stage is my research?
- How much money do I need?
- For what do I need money?
- Have I completed the internal training required to apply for funding?

Know VCU's Research Resources

- **Center for Clinical and Translational Research**
 - Identify mentors and collaborators
 - Study design and biostatistics
 - Grant writing and template text
 - Access to resources
 - Budgeting assistance
 - Community connections and relationship building
- **Division of Community Engagement**
 - Community Review Board

General Search Strategies

- Network, network, network!
- Think about your overall research agenda
- Understand the public health impact of your work
- Explore broadly, but not too broad

General Search Strategies

- Define your research
 - Key words for research, target population, stakeholders, methodology, outcomes, innovations
 - Use search terms that you have seen in grant announcements or ones used by your colleagues/mentors
- Define your funding needs
 - Research, equipment, participant/stakeholder stipends, program development, evaluation, consulting, travel, dissemination

Identify Potential Funders

- Talk to mentors/collaborators
- Network at conferences/professional associations
- Review funded grants
- Search funding databases
 - Set up grant notifications
 - Always check funders ORIGINAL announcement



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Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute



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Who's Funding MY Research

- NIH Reporter

<http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

- Federal Reporter

<http://federalreporter.nih.gov/>

- Pivot

http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main

“Curated” Lists – Community Engaged Research

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options – CER/personalized medicine
- Improving Healthcare Systems – Improving access and delivery at the health system level
- Communications and Dissemination Research – Empowering people around their healthcare and supporting shared decisions making
- Addressing disparities – Identifying differences in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and preferred outcomes across patient populations
- Accelerating PCOR and Methodological Research – Improving capacity to conduct PCOR

PCORI –



Review Criteria

- Impact of the condition to be studied on the health of individuals and populations
- Potential for the study to improve health care and outcomes
- Technical merit
- Patient-centeredness
- Patient and stakeholder engagement

PCORI –



- Register in the PCORI Online System
- Submit a Letter of Intent
- Unique application components
- Inclusive review process
- Contract, not a grant

PCORI –



Pipeline to Proposal

- RFP designed to fund national community of patients, other stakeholders, and researchers who have the expertise and passion to participate in patient-centered outcomes research
- Three tiers of funding
 - Tier 1 – Building of community and capacity
 - Tier 2 – Infrastructure development and strengthening partnerships
 - Tier 3 – Collaborative team drafts high-quality, patient-centered research proposals
- Applicants may enter funding stream at any tier

PCORI –



Pipeline to Proposal

Summary of Funding Tiers	Start Date	Funding Level	Purpose of Funding
<p>Tier I</p> <p>Pre-Engagement/ Community Building Projects</p>	December 2013	Up to \$15,000 per award for 9 months	Building of the community and capacity necessary to later develop a patient-centered comparative effectiveness research (CER) project addressing the issue of interest to the awardee.
<p>Tier II</p> <p>Partnership and Infrastructure Development Projects</p>	Early 2014	Up to \$25,000 per award for 12 months	Maturation of research partnerships with the goal of receiving PCORI or other CER project funding. The funds are to be used to strengthen the partnerships and further develop the infrastructure and governance structures laid out during Tier I and to lay groundwork for the ultimate drafting of a patient-centered CER proposal.
<p>Tier III</p> <p>Proposal Development Projects</p>	Early 2014	Up to \$50,000 per award for 12 months	Proposal development, targeting advanced potential research partnerships (those who are "almost there") that could benefit from working with awardee partners to draft a strong patient engagement plan and a rigorous science proposal.

Federal Funding

- Grants.gov

<http://www.grants.gov/>

- Specific community-engaged research opportunities

<https://accelerate.ucsf.edu/funding/t2>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- Federal funding agency
- Follows NIH guidelines, submission deadlines, and review processes
- Supports research to improve the quality, effectiveness, accessibility, and cost effectiveness of health care
- Also, supports patient-centered outcomes research

AHRQ –  Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Advancing Excellence in Health Care

- Requests for applications (RFAs) – for research in well-defined scientific areas that stimulate activity in AHRQ priority areas
- Program announcements (PAs) – for research that supports the mission of AHRQ
- Have research grants, center grants, and career development grants

Foundations Directory Online

- Comprehensive database of foundation funders
- Has more than 90,000 grantmaker profiles
- Descriptions of more than 1.1 million grants
- Search:
 - Grantmakers
 - Companies
 - Grants
 - 990s – to see previously funded projects
- Sign up for email alerts

Internal Funding

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the VCU Office of Research and Innovation website. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.research.vcu.edu/research_development/funding.htm. The website header includes the VCU logo and the text "VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY" and "Make it real.". Below the header is a search bar and a navigation menu with items: "Proposals & Awards", "Human Research", "Animal Research", "Innovation", and "Integrity & Compliance". The main content area is titled "Research Development" and contains a sub-section "Finding Funding". The text in this section reads: "The Office of Research and Innovation offers individual and group assistance in locating funding for research. Submit a request or contact Jessica Venable for more information." Below this text is an "Expand All" link and three expandable sections: "Grant Search Databases [+]", "Limited Submission [+]", and "Internal Funding Sources [-]". The "Internal Funding Sources" section is currently expanded, showing a link to "Internal Funding Sources". To the right of the main content is a sidebar with a photo of two researchers in a lab and a list of links: "VP for Research and Innovation", "Institutes and Centers", "Research Cores", "Research Quest Fund", "Grant Writing Institute", "Research Development", and "Undergraduate Research". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 2:07 AM on 5/13/2015.

Internal Funding

- VCU “Pipeline to Proposal” Program
 - Community Engaged Research Partnership Development Grants: up to \$10K for 1 year to build community partnerships and develop research infrastructure
 - Community Engagement Grants: up to \$20K for 1 year to advance community-engaged scholarship including research in areas of community-identified need
 - Center for Clinical and Translational Science Research Grants: up to \$50K over 18 months for research that generates pilot data that will form the basis of a competitive application to an external funding agency

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