Purpose

The purposes of this program are:

• To facilitate and support new or expanding interdisciplinary and cross-institutional research by teams of W&M and EVMS researchers with the goal of increasing competitive extramural funding in health care delivery science, health services or community health research, as well as basic, translational, and clinical research domains.

• To support education proposals that are innovative, have a high potential for return on investment, and that offer new or improved training opportunities for W&M and EVMS students and residents.

Description/Eligibility

Round 3 of the EVMS/W&M Collaborative Grant program is now open to all full-time W&M/EVMS faculty. The intent is to catalyze development of new research and educational opportunities through collaborations. Preference will be given to research proposals that seek to develop grant submissions aimed at areas of national research priority identified by NIH, other federal granting agencies, or biomedical research foundations. Preference will be given to educational programs that meet emerging health workforce needs and have a potential to grow into self-sustaining programs.

Awards of up to $30,000 each will be available for projects beginning in mid-December 2014.

Application Process

Investigators are requested to submit the following:

1) A completed cover sheet.
2) A 3-4 page (double-spaced) summary of the project highlighting:
   • proposed project objectives
   • preliminary studies, if any
   • anticipated outcomes
   • other secured funding for this project, if any
   • plans for securing external funding (including source and program, if known)
   • participating members
   • timeline (all project work and the final report must be completed and funds must be expended by 6/30/2015).
3) A budget and justification using the budget template form.
4) An NIH-style biographical sketch for the principal investigator and all co-investigators.

Applications must be submitted to Jen Mellor (jmmell@wm.edu) or Don Combs (combscd@evms.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2014.
Additional requirements

Applications for research funding must have at least one faculty investigator from W&M and at least one faculty investigator from EVMS. Participation by investigators with complementary areas of expertise from different disciplines is encouraged. Investigators proposing new projects as well as those proposing to expand projects funded by past W&M/EVMS collaborative research awards are invited to apply.

Review Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by members of the research working group, which is comprised of members from both W&M and EVMS faculty. The Executive Committee of the planning process, based on reviewers’ recommendations, will make final funding decisions.

Awards will be based on:

• The intrinsic intellectual merit, innovativeness, scope, and potential impact of the project and its likely impact on the research field or education of health professionals;
• The feasibility of the project, appropriateness of the research or educational plan, and reasonableness of the budget;
• The collaborative nature of the work;
• The potential of the funded activities to help to secure new grants, generate new revenue, and/or leverage existing resources.
• The progress the team has made in any work previously funded by a W&M/EVMS collaborative awards.

Application documents can be found at http://www.wm.edu/sites/evms/collaborative-grants/index.php. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Jen Mellor (jmmell@wm.edu) or Don Combs (combscd@evms.edu).

Guidelines on Expenditures

Because funds for these grants are provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are some limitations on how they can be used:

• Funds must be expended for project activities prior to June 30, 2015.

• Project funds may not be used for supplementary pay during the academic year. Investigators on 9-month contracts may use the funds for summer 2015 salary prior to 6/30/15, and investigators may also use these funds to offset current funding sources for time and effort.

• Funds may also be used for supplies, travel/meetings, student support, or study subject payments related to the project.

• Monthly expenditure certification reports will be sent to each W&M PI and each W&M co-PI on an EVMS-led grant for their signatures.
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Application Cover Sheet

Title of Proposal:

Amount Requested:

Principal Investigator (Contact Person):

Department:

E-mail:

Phone:

Name, Department and Institution:

Co-Investigator 1:

Co-Investigator 2:

Co-Investigator 3:

Co-Investigator 4:

Co-Investigator 5:

Co-Investigator 6:

IMPORTANT: If you anticipate that this project will require review by an Institutional Review Board at the College of William at Mary or Eastern Virginia Medical School, please contact one of these persons prior to submitting your application:

At EVMS: Dr. Harry Tillman, Assistant Dean, Human Subjects Protections, (757) 446-7073, tillmahj@evms.edu

At W&M: Dennis Manos, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Research, (757) 871-9581, dmanos@wm.edu