

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
W&M FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS
(FOR 2026-2027)

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm, Friday, February 27, 2026

**Administered by the William & Mary Faculty Research Committee and
the Office of the Vice Provost for Research**

Questions about the Application should be directed to the Chair of the Faculty Research Committee, Nathan Kidwell (nmkidwell@wm.edu).

Program Goal: Our goal is to promote meritorious and impactful research/scholarly activity at William & Mary by providing faculty and staff members from all disciplines with additional support for their research. We intend to continuously improve the quality and consequence of W&M research and scholarship while increasing opportunities to incorporate W&M students in active, hands-on learning.

Program Scale: We anticipate funding up to 30 one-year awards at \$5,000 per award—notification of award and funds availability in mid-March 2026. The funding should be used between May 15, 2026 and August 31, 2027.

Who May Apply: Any research-active W&M faculty or staff member who is in good standing and authorized by their unit manager (Chair, Director, Dean, VPR or their delegates) to conduct independent research. Eligibility will be confirmed by the Vice Provost for Research's office in consultation with school/college deans prior to proposal review. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the Vice Provost for Research's office. This opportunity is not available to graduate students, postdocs, visiting faculty, or short-term appointees.

How to Submit: **Forthcoming**

Program Deliverable: A 1–2-page summary report presenting the funded research results is due at the end of the grant period.

What to Include in the Proposal (see more details in the Application Instructions)

- A description of the research to be performed, including a description of the potential impact of the work (e.g., engagement of students, community involvement, sponsored funding, academic or disciplinary impact)
- A brief budget breakdown
- Two-page CV
- If a previous recipient of this award, a description of previous results

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated by the Faculty Research Committee. We remind all applicants that there are other [internal support opportunities](#) available through the university.

- The proposal should clearly state its objectives. Because the application will be read by colleagues who are not experts in the applicant's field, the application should describe the project and its methodology in a way understandable to non-experts in the discipline.
- The proposal should describe how the objectives will be achieved, pointing out what has been done in the field or what is usually done, and call out what is new in the proposed approach, and explain why that increases the chances for success and the impact on the proposed fields of work.
- The proposal should discuss its potential impact. Impact is interpreted broadly, and could include the participation of students, community engagement, the potential for sponsored funding, academic or disciplinary impact, or other impacts as appropriate to the work, including both its impacts within the discipline and its broader impacts in society.
- Priority consideration will be given to early-stage investigators, defined for this program as those within five years of initiating their independent research at William & Mary.

Expectations

1. Applications must be complete to be considered.
2. Grants are made with the expectation that the recipient will remain employed by W&M. A recipient who resigns or is not retained will be required to relinquish the grant and any unexpended portion thereof.
3. Grants are made with the expectation that the recipient will perform the work within the proposed period. Other supported research, or paid or unpaid teaching, may also be done by the recipient during the period in which this grant is received, so long as other work is adjusted to meet the obligations of the research grant.
4. Recipients of W&M Faculty Research Grants should acknowledge the support of W&M in all subsequent publications arising from funded research.
5. By September 30, 2027, Faculty Research Grant recipients must provide a 1–2-page summary report presenting the funded research results. The report should include the status of the proposed work and note any significant changes from the initial proposal. The PI shall submit copies of this final report by email to the Vice Provost of Research, with their unit lead/department chair copied. *Failure to submit this report promptly may cause the recipient to be ineligible for future internal grants.*

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
W&M FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS
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DEADLINE: *5:00 pm, Monday, February 23, 2026*

The applicant should carefully read the W&M FRC Faculty Research Grant Call for Proposals before completing the application.

Please complete items 1–10 of the application, including the project description narrative. The project description must address the Evaluation Criteria of the Call for Proposals. The project description should include a high-level budget (e.g. \$2,500 UG wages; \$2,500 summer salary).

The project description (essentially the proposal) must not exceed 500 words, be single-spaced and double-spaced between paragraphs, have a minimum of one-inch margins, and use at least a 12-point font.

If you have received a previous award from this program, please also include a statement of tangible results or list of publications.

Please include a short-form, 2-page CV.

The statement of previous results and CV will not count against the maximum total of 500 words.

Application Checklist

	Application Information (Questions 1-9)
	Project Description (maximum 500 words)
	Short form CV (two pages)
	Statement of tangible results or list of publications from previous award(s) under this program (skip if no previous award)

Applicant Information:

Date: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Investigator: _____ **Banner ID (required):** _____

2. Position _____
Title _____ Unit/Department/School _____

3. Project Title: _____
Title _____

4. Years at William & Mary: _____

5. Authorizing Signature/Date (chair, director, dean, VPR): My signature confirms that the applicant is in good standing at W&M and has been authorized to conduct independent research.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Institutional Compliance: If you will need to submit a protocol to the IRB, IACUC, or IBC, those protocols must be submitted and receive approval prior to the distribution of funding.

6. Will this project engage in human subjects research? See the [Institutional Review Board](#).
7. Will this project use live vertebrate animals? See the [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#).
8. Will this project use any (a) recombinant DNA molecules (including transgenic animals or the transfection of cell lines), (b) infectious agents, (c) human tissue or body fluids (including saliva, urine, blood, semen, or primary human cell cultures), or (d) wild-caught or random source animals or animal tissue (for anyone employing animals that may carry zoonotic disease)? See the [Institutional Biosafety Committee](#).
9. Will this proposal involve research with radioactive material? See the [Institutional Radiation Safety Committee](#).

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