

# **EVMS/W&M Collaborative Grant Program**

## **2013 Request for Proposals**

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### **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. The highest consideration will be given to pilot studies for future grant applications and to prototype development or critical proof-of-principle studies.
- 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**

The EVMS/W&M Collaborative Grant program is open to all full-time W&M/EVMS faculty performing health care delivery science research, health services or community health research, as well as basic, translational, and clinical research or who are involved in the development of innovative educational collaborations. The intent is to catalyze development of new research and educational opportunities through collaborations. Preference will be given to proposals that seek to develop grant submissions aimed at Program Announcements (PAs), future Requests for Applications (RFAs), program projects or new areas of national research priority identified by NIH, other federal granting agencies or biomedical research foundations or for educational programs that both meet emerging health workforce needs and generate revenues in excess of expenses.

For research focused on future external grant funding, it is anticipated that several (6-8) initial awards of approximately \$10,000 each will be available in the summer and early fall of 2013; however, projects with somewhat larger budgets will be considered depending on availability of funds and justification due to project requirements.

### **Application Process**

Investigators are requested to submit the cover sheet along with a 3-4 page (double-spaced) summary of the project highlighting:

- proposed project objectives
- anticipated outcomes
- plans for securing external funding (including source and program, if known)
- participating members
- timeline (all project work and the final report must be completed by 10/15/2013)
- amount of funding requested and intended use of project funds

An NIH-style biographical sketch for the principal investigator and all co-investigators must be included. Applications must be submitted to Jen Mellor or Don Combs by **5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2013**. A teleconference to provide additional information and respond to questions from interested researchers will be scheduled soon after the May 14, 2013 joint faculty retreat.

#### 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 complementing areas of expertise from different disciplines is encouraged.

Research proposals must include explicit plans for securing external funding to continue the project (specific PAs, potential RFAs or other funding source details).

Research proposals should represent new or expanded research activities that further develop the cross-institutional and collaborative nature of the investigators' research, within their areas of expertise. Research proposals will be considered without regard to the subject area, although preference will be given to proposals in the areas of health care delivery science, health services research, and/or community health.

Educational proposals must identify the workforce need and market data that suggests a self-sustaining, innovative program is feasible.

#### **Review Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed by members of the research-working group, which is composed of 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.

Application documents can be found at the Collaborative Research Grant website. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Jen Mellor ([jimmell@wm.edu](mailto:jimmell@wm.edu)) or Don Combs ([combscd@evms.edu](mailto:combscd@evms.edu)). A telephone conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2013 to answer any questions that potential applicants may have. Dial-in information will be shared via e-mail and during the faculty retreat on May 14.

# **W&M/EVMS Collaborative Grant Program 2013 Application Cover Sheet**

Title of Proposal:

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: