

## Guide to Faculty Development Resources for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty

Vanderbilt University has a robust program of renewing resources to support non tenure-track faculty career development. These grants for research, travel, and teaching endeavors come from the College of Arts and Science as well as the Provost's Office, and are available to all fulltime, multi-year, non-tenure-track faculty in the college of Arts & Science.

Page one contains teaching-focused resources, and page two lists the available funds for faculty travel and research activities.

### Teaching Focused

A&S [Course Development Summer Salary Grants](#) fund summer effort toward development of a new course important to a department or program curriculum, or revision of a current course that requires updating.

Amount: \$5,000, Deadline: March 31

A&S [Immersion Scholar Grants](#) fund expenses associated with innovative immersion experiences that are developed by A&S faculty members. Funds may be used to offset expenses for development and/or implementation of the experience, as well as student participation.

Amount: up to \$15,000 per year, Deadline: rolling

A&S [Immersion Mini-Grants](#) fund smaller expenses associated with immersion experiences for students. May cover cost of materials, planning and execution of events, and/or student visits to off-campus venues.

Amount: up to \$3,000, Deadline: rolling

Provost's [Course Improvement Grants](#) fund the acquisition or development of course-related materials, seminars and other programs to improve the quality of teaching, or small-scale studies of new instructional methods and programs.

Amount: up to \$500, Deadlines: mid-May and mid-October

Provost's [Educational Advancement Fund](#) supports longer-term educational transformations that have the potential to extend beyond the applicant to the larger VU teaching community. May fund seminars, initiatives, research efforts, or the acquisition/development of materials geared toward teaching development.

Amount: up to \$2,500, Deadlines: mid-May and mid-October

## Research Focused

A&S [Professional Travel Grants](#) fund domestic or international travel to academic conferences or other travel related to the faculty member's designated responsibilities. Requires endorsement by faculty member's chair or director.

Amount: up to \$2,500, Deadline: rolling

A&S [Professional Expenses Grants](#) fund professional expenses such as the purchase of course materials, teaching equipment, books, software, or hardware other than computers. May be used to cost share the expenses of equipment to which faculty member's department or program will also contribute.

Amount: up to \$500, Deadline: rolling

A&S [Publication Subvention Grants](#) fund publication subvention and/or specific costs associated with publication permissions of scholarly output such as academic books, art catalogues, non-print media, and literary works.

Amount: up to \$2,000, Deadline: rolling

Provost's [Seeding Success Grant](#) supports new work or direction with strong potential for impact or funding from federal, foundation, or industry sponsors. Funds may be used for capital expenses, postdoctoral or graduate student wages, consultant, skilled workers, scientific and tech staff salary, travel, materials, and supplies.

Amount: \$5,000 - \$60,000+, Deadlines: early fall and early spring

Provost's [Rapid-Advance MicroGrant Program \(RAMP\)](#) funds smaller-scale opportunities that require a rapid response, allowing faculty to innovate in the moment and seize strategic and time-sensitive opportunities as they arise. Permitted uses include travel to meet with collaborators or bring them to VU, acquisition of materials, and support for development of creative works.

Amount: \$500 – \$5,000, Deadline: rolling

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