



# VCU L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Center for Public Policy

## Translational Research Fellows Program

### Mission and Vision

The L. Douglas Wilder School's Center for Public Policy and its outreach office leads the effort to create effective public policy in the Commonwealth by connecting academic experts within VCU with local and state policy makers to impact the public policy process. Because we believe that Public Policy impacts every aspect of our lives, we work to create robust policy that engages all aspects of our community from everyday citizens to experts and grounds that policy in innovative research based ideas.

We work across public policy disciplines to translate the insights from each stakeholder to the larger policy community, keeping knowledge flowing to where it can make a difference; creating opportunities for public policy success in the Commonwealth.

As with the mission of VCU, CPP's primary goal is to engage faculty research experts in providing translational opportunities to solve the public policy challenges in our communities, while embracing the core values of good governance to include accountability, collaboration, freedom, service, and diversity.

### Translational Research and Public Policy Program

The L. Douglas Wilder School's Center for Public Policy and its outreach office began a pilot Translational Research Fellows program during the 2016-2017 academic year for VCU faculty seeking to increase the translation of research into impactful public policy. A select group of University faculty work with CPP staff to develop a public policy outreach plan for their specific policy relevant research. CPP meets regularly with the select faculty to narrow their policy relevant topic and submit their research. CPP will craft a policy brief from the provided research and develop an outreach plan that identifies key policymakers who would be most impacted by the research. Outreach meetings with the policymakers will be set up and the CPP faculty director will facilitate the outreach meetings and follow up engagements with the faculty. Continual feedback will occur between the CPP staff and the select faculty as well as select policymakers who participated in outreach meetings. Assuming success of the pilot program, CPP will increase its services to faculty, departments and schools throughout VCU. Faculty involved in the Outreach Program will also take part in the development of the annual Public Policy Poll that CPP conducts. This allows for the most pressing public policy issues facing the Commonwealth to be connected to VCU faculty research that has been effectively translated into public policy recommendations.

### Faculty Take-Aways

Each faculty member who participates in the Translational Research & Public Policy Program will receive:

- Individualized policy briefs of their public policy relevant research.
- Customized public policy outreach plan
- At least three individualized meetings with policymakers who have knowledge and/or interest in the faculty research

**To Apply** – See form on reverse or contact CPP's outreach office at [oppo@vcu.edu](mailto:oppo@vcu.edu) for more information.

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### Translational Research Fellows Application Form

We're glad you are interested in becoming part of the Translational Research Fellows Program operated by the Center for Public Policy and its outreach office on behalf of VCU and the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. Please complete the information below, or e-mail the same information, to [oppo@vcu.edu](mailto:oppo@vcu.edu). To be considered for the upcoming cohort, please submit all requested information by March 1, 2019. Selected applicants are notified in late March.

*Note on process: VCU faculty wishing to be part of the Translational Research Fellows program must be nominated by the Dean of their School. Applicants are encouraged to attach a letter from their Dean's office stating that their application has the support of the Dean and any relevant department chair. More than one faculty member per year can be nominated from a given school.*

#### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Department School*

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing Address Apartment/Unit #*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Focus area of Policy Research: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Policy Relevance of Research

*In 250 words or less, briefly describe how your research is relevant to the development of improved policy by policy makers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.*

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