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HEETF Update and Instrumentation Database

Major Instrumentation Database

Goals:

- Increase visibility of instruments that represent a very significant institutional investment

- Facilitate research by VCU Research faculty

- Maximize utilization and impact of research instrumentation

- Reduce unnecessary and wasteful duplication

- Foster collaboration within and between units

- Responsive to desire articulated by state legislators / JCOTS

Major Instrumentation Database

Implementation:

- Developed by OVPRI Office of Information System
  – Software development: Jim Ward and Craig Spurrier
  – Data collection: Salina Mann-Ghee, Christopher Wimble, Bryan Rowland

- Incorporated into the RAMS-FORCE system for core management

- Searchable by all VCU affiliates with an EID

- Initial rollout will include HEETF funded equipment acquired since 2016

- Will be expanded to include most major instruments at the institution.

HEETF Research Committee

- One of three institutional HEETF committees

- ~$5.5M was allocated by the research committee in FY21

- A similar amount of state money is projected for FY22

- Allocations fund acquisition of research instrumentation

- Requests are brought forward by Dean-level or Dean-equivalent business units (*e.g.* MCC)

- Committee consists of representatives from across the institution.

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Changes to Research HEETF Process

Will:

- Ensure better alignment of requests with institutional priorities
  - Explicitly link requests to Strategic Research Priorities Plan

- Stretch VA State HEETF allocation
  - Overall, expenditures on research instrumentation will rise

- Encourage units to make carefully considered requests that are likely to maximize impact

- Ensure that smaller units are not disadvantaged

Changes to HEETF 2021 (FY22)

Implementation:

- Progressive matching scheme based on **total** allocated to each unit (_not_ per instrument):

  - First $100K allocated will subject to 0% match
  - $100K - $250K amount at 10%
  - $250K - $500K amount at 15%
  - Residual above >$500K at 20%

- Cost match will be automatically calculated and applied

- Requests supported by more than one unit will require a _prior agreement_ as to the amount pledged by each unit and the amount pledged will go towards that unit's overall allocation

- Renovations, personnel, future maintenance _etc._ **not** allowable towards match

- Cost matches will effectively increase the total funding pool

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