



VCU

Research and Innovation

VCU Research and Innovation by the numbers

FY 2025

Research excellence

- \$568 million in combined awards for sponsored programs for research
- \$220 million federal awards
- *47th in R&D expenditures among public institutions
- *1 of top 20 most innovative public universities by U.S. News & World Report's 2024 Best Colleges
- *Top 100 for patents by National Academy of Inventors

Sponsored program awards FY18-FY25: 109% increase

- 2025: \$568 million
- 2024: \$506 million
- 2023: \$464 million
- 2022: \$405 million
- 2021: \$363 million
- 2020: \$335 million
- 2019: \$308 million
- 2018: \$271 million

[Annual and sponsored awards reports](#)

Clinical research

- \$154.3 million
- 12,000+ total active participants enrolled in clinical research (identified individuals)
- 1,447 enrolled across all active clinical trials
- 400 faculty-led, VCU designed clinical studies
- 112 faculty-led VCU designed clinical trials
- 32 VCU held active drug / device registrations
- 5 VCU held new drug / device registrations
- 735 active clinical trials at VCU/VCUHS
- 1,197 clinical research studies

VCU commercialization efforts

- 111 invention disclosures
- 171 patents filed
- 20 patents issued
- 17 licenses to start-ups
- 8 new start-ups
- \$4.3 million licensing revenue