

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **The Thomas F. Jeffress and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust**

The Jeffress Memorial Trust was established under the will of a Richmond business executive and philanthropist. Grants are administered by the Bank of America under the direction of Dr. Richard Brandt, Ph.D. Grants are made to institutions and organizations in the Commonwealth of Virginia only which qualify under IRS regulations as tax exempt and are operated exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes ...

The purpose of the Trust is to "Support basic research in chemical, medical, or other scientific fields through grants to educational and research institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia." Grants are given to assist scientists in such institutions to conduct investigations in the natural sciences, generally considered to include chemistry, physics, biology (with the exception of field studies, classification, other largely observational studies), studies in the basic medical sciences, such as biochemistry, microbiology, and others.

The Trust will make grants-in-aid of research and will not suggest specific research programs. The Trust will normally not support clinical research (diagnosis or treatment of disease, abnormality, or malfunctions in people or animals, or testing of drugs or procedures for their treatment).

The principal evaluation criteria will be the scientific significance of the proposed work and the competence of the investigator. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting fundamental research by scientists early in their careers and new areas of research or more speculative projects by established investigators.

Excerpted from *The Jeffress Memorial Trust: A Guideline for Applicants*

The deadline for the receipt of proposals is March 1 and September 1 of each year. Funding is awarded for one year, but Awardees are eligible to re-apply for a total of three years of funding. Awards are limited to \$30,000 for the first year and \$10,000 for the second and third years. Jeffress Progress Report forms are available at <http://www.research.vcu.edu/forms/JeffressProgressReport.pdf>.

- New submissions require a Proposal ("scientific text") that does not exceed 15 double-spaced pages and should contain a "statement of problem", "review of the literature", and "description of experimental procedures." Please note that an Institutional Letter must accompany your proposal – Jeffress has agreed to accept an executed VCU Generic Face Page in lieu of an institutional letter.
- Indirect costs, international travel, tuition and fringe benefits (even FICA) are not allowed. Investigators must obtain a cost share from Department Chairs to cover fringe benefits in the event of an award.
- Student summer stipend should not exceed 1/4 academic year stipend. (Funds for

academic year salaries or stipends for faculty and students are not allowed.)  
 Technical personnel salary is allowed.

- Investigator's salary may not exceed \$3,000 per month for a maximum of two months.
- Travel is limited to \$1,000.
- Use 12 point font throughout.

Item	New		Renewal	
	Required	Copies	Required	Copies
Institutional Endorsement Letter (VCU Generic Face Page Suffices)	Yes	1	Yes	1
Proposal	Yes	5	Yes	1
Detailed Budget	Yes	5	Yes	1
Other Support	Yes	5	Yes	1
C.V./Bio-Sketch	Yes	5	Yes	1
Progress Report	No	N/A	Yes	1
Referees	Yes	5	No	N/A

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