

FLSI Funding Opportunities & Support 2023–2024

The mission of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute (FLSI) is to enhance the human condition by supporting innovative environmental and life sciences research, education, and engagement. As stewards of university resources, we remain steadfast in our dedication to developing programs and supporting teams, which enable us to realize our mission. Through frequent collaborations with academic unit and university leadership, institutes, and diverse research groups, we have an unwavering commitment to nurturing vibrant academic and research portfolios that are aligned with our mission and guided by our vision.

Program	Description	Strategic Priority Area	Contact	Due date(s)
Project Development Awards	In its inaugural year (2023), the Institute awarded two program-project/center planning grants to provide three years of funding and administrative support to help facilitate proposal development for prestigious, federally funded multimillion-dollar grants. New proposals will be accepted in 2025.	Opportunity	Bill Hopkins hopkinsw@vt.edu	Winter 2025
VT Faculty Activity Support Team	VT-FAST supports development of a range of proposals, from single-investigator to larger, more complex ones involving teams with external partners. Activities include proposal preparation, formatting, editing, and review, as well as pre- & post-award activities.	Backbone	Janet Webster jwebste@vt.edu	Ongoing
VT Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program*	This program seeks to strengthen recruitment of outstanding, diverse postdoctoral associates and prepare these exceptional researchers for the next phase of their careers. Candidates may be from any discipline or field; fellowships will be awarded in Research Frontiers and Cybersecurity tracks.	People	Chris Smith christsmith@vt.edu	March and October
Co-Sponsored ISCE Initiatives	Ongoing partnerships between the Institute for Society Culture, and Environment (ISCE) and the Global Change Center provides funding of up to \$30,000 for interdisciplinary projects that address social aspects of major global change issues and intend to seek external funding.	Opportunity	Bill Hopkins hopkinsw@vt.edu	Each Spring
Undergraduate Research Fellowships	The FLSI provides support to the Office of Undergraduate Research for the Fralin Undergraduate (FURF), First-Year Fralin Undergraduate (FY-FURF), and the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) programs, all of which bring undergraduate researchers into faculty-led research.	Opportunity, People	Keri Swaby kswaby@vt.edu	Variable
Unsolicited Requests	The FLSI entertains unsolicited funding requests, including those for conferences & events held on Virginia Tech campuses, matching funds for shared instrument purchases, recruitment & retention efforts in conjunction with academic units, to name a few. Have an idea that's not listed? Reach out!	Opportunity, Backbone, People	Kirk Felton ckfelton@vt.edu	Variable
Outreach & Engagement	Existing FLSI education and outreach programs can be used to build your participant support plans and broader impacts. Numerous options exist, and new programs can be tailored to your needs.	People, Opportunity	Kristy Collins kdivitto@vt.edu	Ongoing
	The Biotech in a Box Outreach program can be leveraged to reach high school and community college science classrooms through development of a loan kit, sent free of charge to participants.		Sandy Hancock hancocksk@vt.edu	Ongoing
Diversity Initiatives	We are committed to increasing, catalyzing, and broadening outreach, education, and research efforts focused on historically underserved or underrepresented populations, including those who are differently abled, first generation, or from marginalized groups. These efforts connect all our community and K–12 outreach programs, continuing into undergraduate and graduate research and education efforts, and carrying up through faculty recruitment, retention, and research support. Contact us to learn more.	People	Robin McCarley rmccarley@vt.edu	Ongoing

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