



Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) Program

Faculty Seed Funding Call for Proposals

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FAU's [Vertically Integrated Projects \(VIP\)](#) Program is pleased to announce the second year of its catalytic seed funding initiative, supported through a \$2.2 million awarded FIPSE grant from the US Department of Education. Building on the momentum of the VIP Program's inaugural year, VIP continues to support building innovative cross-disciplinary research teams involving students in large-scale, long-term projects, contributing to FAU's R1 status. **The program prioritizes early student engagement in research and supports the integration of Artificial Intelligence technologies and data science principles within VIP Team research.**

We invite full-time FAU faculty across all colleges to submit seed funding proposals to establish cutting-edge, cross-disciplinary VIP research teams. These projects should be co-led by at least two full-time faculty from different colleges and disciplines, and engage students across multiple fields in long-term, large-scale, convergent research.

Available Seed Funding: Faculty VIP Leads will be eligible for up to **\$46,500 in one-time seed funding** to establish a cross-disciplinary VIP Team. Four teams will be selected each year. Faculty are expected to establish a plan (with external grants submissions or partnerships) for sustaining their VIP Team beyond the initial one-year seed funding period.

Eligibility: Faculty VIP Teams must comprise at least two full-time faculty from different colleges and disciplines.

Application Deadline and Details: All proposals must be submitted by **Friday, May 29, 2026, 5:00 PM**

How to Apply: Please submit your application through https://our-fau.smapply.io/prog/vip_catalytic_seed_funding_opportunity_call_for_proposals

Additional Resources: Two VIP Informational Webinars will be offered to provide additional information on the program, its successes, and how to apply. Please RSVP below.

1. [Friday, March 27 from 10-11:30 am](#)
2. [Tuesday, April 28 from 10-11:30 am,](#)

For more information please visit: <https://www.fau.edu/vip/faculty/how-to-form>

Contact Information

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We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals and supporting your efforts to expand collaborative research at Florida Atlantic.

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