

## Pinn Scholars Program

Named in honor of the extraordinary career of Dr. Vivian Pinn, one of the first African American graduates of the UVA School of Medicine, the Pinn Scholars Program seeks to recognize and reward research faculty whose scientific expertise and productivity, mentorship, and service have resulted in significant contributions to the School of Medicine and greater research community. Up to four scholars will be chosen each year. Scholars will receive funds to elevate their science, will be mentored by senior faculty, and will participate in annual symposia.

### Eligibility & Criteria for Selection

The program is limited to full-time faculty members who, at the date of nomination, hold the rank of Associate Professor (tenure optional) or have held the rank of Professor for not more than 3 years at the time of nomination.

To be considered, candidates will have a record of research accomplishment, and will have successfully renewed a competing R01 or equivalent grant, or will have demonstrated comparable success with investigator-initiated clinical research. The candidate should also have documented evidence of collaboration within or outside the university, and demonstrated mentorship and service that have contributed to the UVA scientific community.

The Senior Associate Dean for Research will convene a committee that will meet annually to select the four faculty members to join the cadre of twelve total scholars.

### Term

Each faculty member will bear the title of UVA Vivian Pinn Scholar for three consecutive years beginning in January 1, after being selected in the fall of the preceding year. No individual may be appointed to more than one three-year term. After completing their term, Pinn Scholars will become mentors for successive scholars.

### Funding

Pinn Scholars will receive \$120,000 for the three-year period to support their research programs *exclusive of personal salary*. Funds will be delivered to the scholars from the following sources at the beginning of the award:

- \$40,000 external award from the UVA Health System
- \$40,000 matching internal award from the nominating department/center
- \$40,000 matching internal award from the School of Medicine

Maximum spending is limited to the cumulative Scholar award amount, i.e. no greater than \$120,000. At the end of year three, any unspent funds may be carried forward for one year; at the end of year four, any funds remaining will revert to funding awards for future scholars.

It is expected that these funds will be used to develop a new project or direction in the applicant's research, which should be outlined in the application. Pinn Scholars will share the results of their work and this new project in a yearly Pinn Scholars Symposium.

### Application Process

Department chairs or center directors will nominate eligible faculty by the annual deadline of November 15. The following documentation is required by NOVEMBER 15:

- Primary letter of nomination from sponsoring chair or center director clearly addressing eligibility criteria and accomplishments, and committing funds for the Pinn Scholar. These funds (\$40,000) will be committed by January 1 of the first year.
- Two letters of support, one of which is external to UVA.
- Curriculum Vitae, including current, pending, and past grant support and research accomplishments.
- The applicant's description (one page) of how the award will be used to expand the applicant's research in a new project or direction.

All application materials should be converted to a single pdf and submitted via email to:

[officeofmargaretshupnikphd@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu](mailto:officeofmargaretshupnikphd@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu)

Late or incomplete packets, or those that do not comply with the application guidelines, will not be considered. Selections will be made and announced by December 15