CALL FOR PROPOSALS

RESILIENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVES

The Office of the Vice President for Research announces a Call for Proposals for seed grants to support projects in Environmental Resilience. Proposals should build research strength across disciplines to address a key challenge in resilience of social, environmental and/or infrastructure systems. Scales from community to global are relevant. The seed awards are intended to nurture research ideas that subsequently can be developed into larger, extramurally funded projects.

Eligibility and Application: All full-time PI-eligible faculty can apply. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary projects that advance research on one or more of five broad themes: 1) Water and food security; 2) Resilient and healthy cities; 3) Coastal resilience; 4) Climate-land feedbacks; and 5) Stewardship and governance.

Applications should include:

• A research statement of no more than 2 pages, including a description of the research, its relevance to the priority themes and how seed money will strengthen the potential for external funding.
• Curriculum vitae (2 page) for each participating faculty member
• Budget

Awards: The total request should range from $10,000 to $50,000 for up to a one-year period. Personnel (post-doc, graduate/undergraduate student), travel, computer time, equipment and supplies are allowable expenses; requests can include up to month of the awardee’s summary salary.

Evaluation: A pan-University committee will review nominees and recommend awardees to the Vice President for Research, who will make the final decision. Proposals will be evaluated on the potential impact of the proposed research and on the potential for seed money to increase success in garnering external funding.

Proposal Deadline: December 22, 2015. Please submit proposals as PDF to Cheryl Wagner (cdr9c@virginia.edu).