Invest in Faculty Scholars

On the eve of our third century, UVA is poised to address the major social and scientific problems facing our world. Faculty and student researchers are focused on developing sustainable energy, preventing violence, finding solutions for clean drinking water, understanding the brain’s link to the immune system and much more. We will hire the nation’s leading interdisciplinary scholars to help meet enrollment growth, build on strategic areas of research and inspire our next generation of students.

Crossdisciplinary Recruiting

Today’s most groundbreaking research is often the result of collaboration among faculty from varied disciplines, creating “clusters of strength” in scholarship that defy disciplinary boundaries and encourage diverse thinking and problem solving from multiple perspectives. Innovation thrives in an environment of collegiality and the free exchange of ideas.

The University is also pursuing a strategy to recruit highly sought-after faculty who are not in the job market but present opportunities to strengthen faculty excellence if successfully recruited here. These joint hires across specialized areas will take advantage of UVA’s size and collaborative culture to facilitate unprecedented growth and discovery in these core fields. Investing in faculty—the University’s greatest resource—enables us to sustain excellence for the century ahead and generations to come.

Targeting Opportunity

The University is also pursuing a strategy to recruit the very best faculty in underrepresented fields. By taking advantage of opportunities as they arise, rather than through the general recruitment process, UVA is able to recruit a more diverse faculty to meet key initiatives.

Instead of replacing faculty for specific positions within a limited field, UVA has identified target growth areas and scholars for hiring, ensuring greater yield and a more diverse pipeline of applicants, and building excitement for redesigning the curriculum and scholarship. Strategically pursuing faculty who are in emerging fields of study allows the University to be nimble, responsive and on the leading edge of important scientific breakthroughs.
Support Faculty Excellence

By giving to faculty excellence, you help UVA recruit and retain world-class professors and provide them with important research funds, stipends and competitive compensation. The support of alumni, parents and friends is fundamental to help UVA compete with the best universities in the nation for top talent. Your investment in faculty initiatives can help us in many ways:

- **Seed emerging research** to support proof-of-concept projects, promising innovations and real-world application of technologies
- **Support interdisciplinary faculty collaborations** that strengthen expertise in targeted fields
- **Support emerging teaching methods** that are proven to better stimulate experiential learning in the classroom, laboratory and field
- **Endow a professorship or research fund** in areas of critical need or core strength
- **Invest in comprehensive advising** that goes beyond traditional curriculum advice to help students navigate career and life decisions through UVA’s Total Advising program
- **Fund faculty-student interaction** and undergraduate research, such as Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Academic Research (USOAR)
- **Fund travel expenses** to conferences and symposia, where faculty share ideas with other leaders in their fields and enhance UVA’s national and global presence

**Two-Time Pulitzer Prize Winner**

Support for endowed professorships attracts stellar faculty to UVA—like historian Alan Taylor, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professor of History. The endowed position made “the critical difference in the job offer,” Taylor said. He also came to UVA because “it’s a university where history matters more than at any other university I know.” Taylor credits the Corcoran Department of History for its “superb leadership” and notes that UVA is especially well positioned, with its many historical resources, for outstanding scholarship.

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