

# The Jefferson Trust

## An Initiative of the UVA Alumni Association

### Purpose and Organization

- The Jefferson Trust was founded by the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia to promote excellence by providing catalytic support to the University community for initiatives in pursuit of Jeffersonian ideals
- As an agile, unrestricted resource for the University of Virginia community, the Trust supports new projects advocated by students, faculty and organizations.
- There are no prescribed limits on the amount of grants; some proposals receive partial funding.
- The Trust *does not* provide budget relief for existing programs
- Contributions to the Jefferson Trust from alumni, parents and friends are counted toward the Lawn Society giving club, as well as part of an alumnus' class reunion gift, if donated during their reunion fiscal year.
- Subscribers who contribute \$100,000 or more may serve as trustees and play an active role in the administration and annual distribution of funds.
- Individuals interested in donating to the Jefferson Trust but unable to give time to being a Trustee reviewing grants can serve as a silent Trustee.

### Grant Activity (2006-2016)

- Grants awarded: 141
- Funds distributed: \$5,581,172 (\$296,821 to \$777,000 per year)
- Grant range: \$2,500 to \$100,000; with over one half of approved grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000
- Average grant size: \$39,394
- Grants that have received funds fall into one or more of the following general categories:
  - Bricks & Mortar (8)
  - Arts (40)
  - Science/ Technology (53)
  - Community Relations (25)
  - Global (16)
  - Student life/experience (92)
  - Faculty Excellence (17)
  - Pan University (30)
- 49 trustees represent 29 graduating classes ranging from 1962 to 2015.

Information about supporting The Jefferson Trust can be found on the University of Virginia Alumni Association website or at: [www.jeffersontrust.org](http://www.jeffersontrust.org). Grant information, guidelines, and applications can be found at [www.jeffersontrust.org](http://www.jeffersontrust.org).

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