As the Jefferson Trust moves into its second decade, Donor-Trustees and the University of Virginia at large are beginning to see the long term effects of the 160 grants that the Trust has awarded since its inception in 2006.

Many of these initial, seed fund grants gained support from the University to become ongoing programs. Others have received additional second and third round funding from major foundations and personal alumni gifts, allowing the programs and projects to continue to flourish. As a result, the Jefferson Trust has established itself as a true venture fund around Grounds with an excellent track record of accomplishment and innovation.

This year, the Jefferson Trust awarded $727,947 to 19 different proposals demonstrating the creativity, entrepreneurship, and collaboration of UVA students, faculty, and leadership. This brings the twelve-year total funding dollars to over $6.3 million. The Trust has also begun to gain national recognition as an innovative concept for donor funding of state university initiatives. Two journals of higher education, The Chronicle of Philanthropy and Academic Impressions, featured the Jefferson Trust as a powerful example of how universities can engage alumni and parent donors to initiate and support new, untested programs and ideas. Additionally, the Trust has been able to provide a successful template for grant consideration and oversight to the development of UVA’s new Strategic Investment Fund: a multimillion dollar resource newly-created by the Board of Visitors for larger proposals focused on initiatives that measurably strengthen the University.

Most recently, leaders from the University of North Carolina have reached out to learn more about beginning a similar program to the Jefferson Trust for their university system.

Each of these examples point to the maturity and success of the Jefferson Trust as the program continues to expand and impact the future of UVA. None of this could have occurred without the financial support and selfless service of our many donors and supporters as well as the strong leadership of the UVA Alumni Association. I thank you all who have helped us achieve our success thus far, and invite others to join this exciting intellectual community to bring further distinction to the University of Virginia.

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“Visiting Scholar Program for Underrepresented Minorities in G1
School of Medicine $17,400

Inaugural Diversity Funding: “McIntire Allies” & “Diversity Dialogues”
McIntire School of Commerce $15,000

Q* Anthology of Queer Culture
Student Organization $7,674

College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational
Student Organization $7,375

UVA Neurosurgery Teaching and Mentoring Initiative
School of Medicine $6,670

Hoots Tutoring
Student Organization $4,400

Logistical Pathways to Critical Diversity
School of Engineering $100,000

Teaching Methods Course for Engineering TAs
Engineering and Society Dept. $89,088

UVA Landscape Studies Initiative
School of Architecture $85,000

Virtual Tour-University Guide Service
Student Organization $60,000

Inter-professional Innovation: Advanced Disease Life Support
School of Nursing $57,700

Simulations in Teacher Education
Curry- Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education (CISE) $50,000

Global Leadership Forum 2017
Global Affairs $50,000

Disability Studies Initiative
English Dept. $45,000

Diet and Nutrition Intervention Lab
Kinesiology Dept. $40,000

The Digital 1828 Catalogue Collection Project
Law Library $29,419

Undergraduate Exploration with Cosmic Rays
Physics Dept. $26,650

Solar Car Team at UVA
Student Organization $20,771

“The Jefferson Trust has entered its second decade on Grounds, and we continue to be excited about the quality and quantity of grant submissions each year. Our board members enjoy the rewards which come from encouraging great ideas, supporting as many as we can, and helping them grow. Seems like a UVA thing to do!”

James E. Rutrough, Jr.
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At the end of fiscal year 2017, the Jefferson Trust board had grown to 54 Donor-Trustees and one appointed member from the Alumni Association Board of Managers. The total endowment reached a record high of more than $26 million, with the FY17 fundraising total and philanthropic cash flow both exceeding $1.1 million. The Jefferson Trust’s long-term strategy is to invest gifts and use investment income to support annual grants; the Trust has used the University of Virginia Investment Management Company (UVIMCO) for endowment management.

As an initiative of the Alumni Association, the Jefferson Trust has also had a long history of honoring and providing recognition for our best, and brightest students, faculty, and staff members. Each year, awards are conferred upon members of the University community who have distinguished themselves in the following areas:

**UVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S Distingushed Service Award** - $10,000 award
This year’s recipient is Cassandra Fraser, Professor of Chemistry.

**UVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S Distingushed Professor Award**
This year’s recipient is Stephen Kimata.

**UVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S ERNEST H. ERN DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD**
This year’s recipient is DeAnza Cook.

**Visual Arts Prize** - $2,500 award
This year’s recipient is Jennifer Hsiaw.

**Intramural-Recreational Sports Awards**
Two club teams representing the University for success in terms of competition, performance, community service, and other achievements each received $2,500 awards. This year’s recipients are the Virginia Women’s Rugby Team and the Swim Club at UVA.

**Grants by School 2006-17**

**Grants by Type 2006-17**

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