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During this time of what seems to be an endless deluge of negative news, I would like to take a moment to recap the year and highlight a few of the many positive ways we as a group have served the University of Virginia community.

For the first time in the Jefferson Trust's fifteen years, we awarded over \$1 million in grants to University students and faculty. This milestone was capped by a \$135,000 emergency grant to President Jim Ryan to assist in

the University's COVID-19 response. This off-cycle grant did not come from the Trust's endowment but was instead a collection of individual trustee donations. I was personally moved by the trustees' readiness to step up and help with such a dire situation. Their actions are a testament to the Trust's dedication to UVA and its willingness to go above and beyond in its service to the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted grants in different ways. While some had to delay projects, others hit great strides. One grant in particular has already seen success. The Trust awarded a grant to Gino Giri, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, and Bala Mulloth, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, to recruit students across Grounds as research aides for their mask filtration technology.

Two current trustees, Scott Gwilliam and Keith Woodard, saw a community need for additional masks and began mentoring this group. Their combined experience proved invaluable in developing manufacturing opportunities, and the group hopes to bring these much-needed masks to market in the near future. This success story illustrates how the trustees' experience and advice helps shape successful grants, not only in financing great people and ideas but also through mentoring these fledgling projects.

With every challenge comes a new opportunity, and the trustees will continue to invest in and serve those willing to rise up and create opportunity in the University of Virginia community. Sincerely,

Ashley Manning
Chair of the Jefferson Trust

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#### From the Executive Director



The Jefferson Trust, from its beginnings, has looked to impact the University of Virginia by investing in groundbreaking ideas. We are hopeful that this year the Trust will have the continued influence it has in the past in producing strong and long-lasting programs.

The trustees have looked to the strategic plan of President Jim Ryan to guide the Trust's grant making. Many grants this year have focused on

research, the student experience and the interaction of the University with the community. The Engaged Writing Project will integrate the first-year writing requirement with the issues and needs of the Charlottesville community. The Trust also has focused on research opportunities that could lay the groundwork for new breakthroughs in COVID-19 research and in determining autism biomarkers, with the hope of earlier identification, diagnosis and improved care. The range and size of grants is truly wonderful.

Through a comprehensive reevaluation of the Jefferson Trust, an updated strategic plan has propelled the Trust into the next generation of its existence. Out of the committee's work has come the approval of the Flash Funding pilot, allowing for greater flexibility for grant seekers, specifically students. Starting this spring term, the month-by-month grant cycle for funding requests of \$10,000 or less will be a permanent fixture of the Trust. The Trustees have also approved the structure for new initiatives that can direct funding to specific areas of importance to the University, such as the Cozart Global Initiative. This will add the opportunity for specificity within the broader scope that the Jefferson Trust now takes as its mission.

The Jefferson Trust has fully matured into an organization that actively engages committed alumni and friends, bringing them back regularly to investigate and support the changing needs of the University of Virginia. While the Trust has several trustees who are not alumni, every trustee has helped build an organization that exercises what I call "alumni self-governance." The institution trains its students to take full responsibility for their lives outside of the classroom by building a strong commitment to the University. The Trust continues that process by taking the commitment ingrained in our students and allowing that fierce love and loyalty to flourish among its alumni, parents and close friends seeking a stronger relationship with the institution.

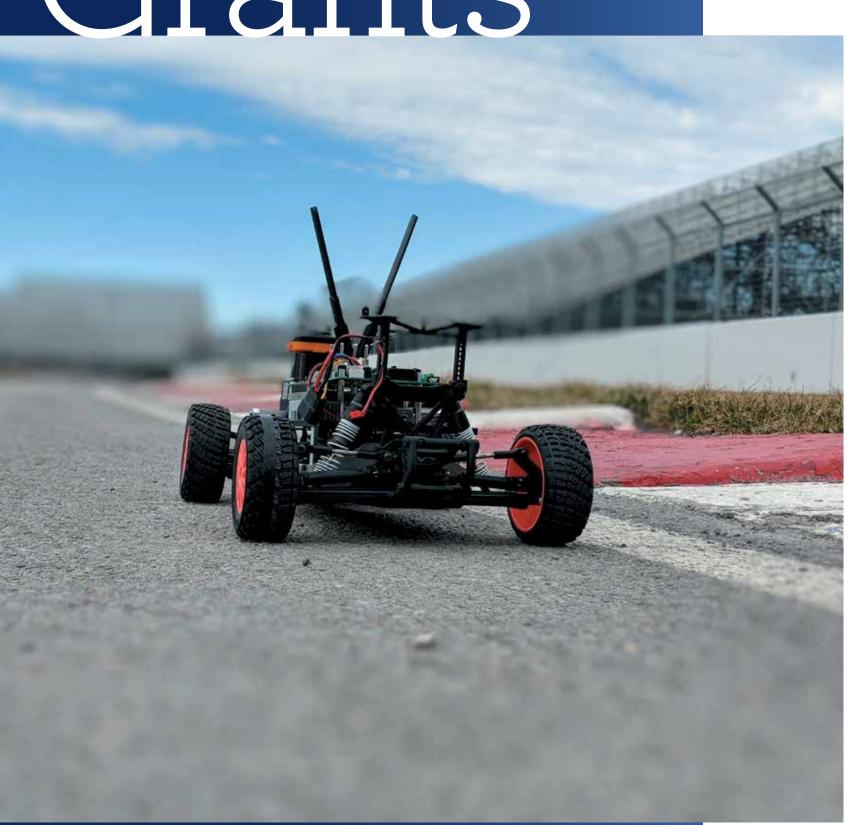
With great respect,

Wayne D. Cozart

Executive Director of the Jefferson Trust

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In fulfillment of the Trust's mission, trustees solicit, review and award "catalytic grants in support of innovation and leadership." Rather than funding defined, ongoing programs, the trustees invest in "people whose efforts can have a positive impact on the student experience, the University community or society at large." This focus on new, often untested projects and programs has led the Trust to be the premier 'first-round' funder on Grounds.

For the first time, the Jefferson Trust has awarded \$1 million in grant funds in the expanded offerings of awards, annual grants and flash grants. In addition, a \$135,000 emergency, off-cycle grant was awarded to President Ryan to assist in the University's COVID-19 response. The organization's broad scope entices proposals from a variety of disciplines and funding levels.

In the 2019-2020 annual grants cycle, the trustees awarded \$853,357 to fourteen projects.

> The Jefferson Trust Global Initiative Award **Guiding Student Research** of Air-filtering Technologies

#### \$100,000

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, project leaders pivoted quickly from their original plan of researching air-filtering technologies to fight air pollution to a rapid-response effort in utilizing those same technologies for PPE alternatives against COVID-19.

#### CAVALIER AUTONOMOUS RACING

\$50,000



The Cavalier Autonomous Racing Club, under the supervision of UVA faculty, will design, build, program and race an autonomous, electric vehicle. Club activity will culminate in a demonstration at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

#### **Transformative Autism Biomarker Research Initiative**

\$122,928

Funding will support the development of a newborn screening protocol to identify atypical neurodevelopment prior to the display of clinical symptoms.

#### **Creating Educational Citizen Leaders Through Service Learning**

\$38,437

Partnering with teachers at Charlottesville's Greer Elementary School, UVA architecture and education students will employ design thinking processes to address student achievement gaps at the elementary school.

## Grants

#### **BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER DEAF OPERA WORKSHOP**

\$32,000

This performance project unites the worlds of the deaf and the hearing. Deaf actors join opera singers to work on a new production of "Dialogues of the Carmelites." The UVA-based workshop will also be filmed for a documentary.



#### **Community-Engaged Learning** and Leadership Initiative at **Madison House**

#### \$100,000

Madison House student leaders will enroll in courses focused on community-based learning and service projects while volunteering in the Charlottesville community. Madison House will then pair UVA faculty with community partners for deeper community-based learning opportunities.

#### The Sixth International **Seminar of Young Tibetologists**

#### \$32,900

This bilingual conference — offered in both English and Tibetan — will include presentations from early career scholars who are normally isolated from each other across linguistic barriers. The three disparate spheres of Tibetan Studies (Chinese, Tibetan and Euro-American) will interact as a single community.



#### **APIDA (Asian Pacific** Islander Desi American) **Student Survey**

\$6.279

The Asian Student Union will create a survey for all Asianidentifying students at the University of Virginia to ask about their UVA experience. This data will then be shared with University leadership to better address issues affecting this community.



#### STRATEGIES OF COLLECTING: **MUSEUM SEMINAR**

\$15,652

An interdisciplinary group of UVA students will research and acquire a new piece for the Fralin Museum of Art. Students will study the industry through some of the leading auction houses, art dealers and galleries in New York.

#### **Advancing Interdisciplinary** Readiness

\$96,000

UVA's Environmental Resilience Institute will generate training programs for graduate students and faculty in interdisciplinary research. Participants will gain the skills needed to lead collaborative projects that address rapid environmental change.

#### The Engaged Writing Project

\$100,000

Through embedding public service competencies into first-year student writing requirement courses, students will come to understand their development as writers in relation to central challenges of our time, from local and global perspectives.

#### **Summer Program for Entrepreneurial Nanoscale Engineering**

\$100.000

In an internship experience for rising second- and third-year students interested in entrepreneurialism and nanoscale technologies, students will work with faculty to learn more about how these cutting-edge technologies will shape the future.

The Jefferson Trust Daniel S. Adler Student Award **FLIP AT UVA** 

\$14,161 The local chapter of FLIP National (First-Generation, Low-Income Partnership) will align with various University departments to promote programming for, and greater inclusivity of, first-generation and/or low-income students.





#### stARTup Studio

\$45,000

This business boot camp for creatives will offer a full-day, interactive program for artists at the University and in the community to help them increase the visibility of and market for their work.

## Awards

**Early Career Excellence in Community Engagement** Award: \$10,000 This year's recipient is Barbara Brown Wilson. Assistant Professor, School of Architecture.

**UVA Alumni Association's Distinguished Professor Award** \$10.000

This year's recipient is Robert Tai, Associate Professor, **Curry School of Education.** 

**UVA Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award** \$5.000

This year's recipient is Rhonda Saunders, Program Specialist, Office of the Dean of Students.

**UVA Alumni Association's Ernest H. Ern Distinguished Student Award** \$5.000

This year's recipient is Chesdin Harrington (Col '19).

#### **Intramural-Recreation Sports Awards**

Two club teams representing the University for success in terms of performance, community and service each receive \$2,500 awards. This year's recipients are Club Swim at UVA and the **UVA Women's Club Soccer Team.** 

Madison Lane and Rugby Road **Charitable Visual Arts Prize** 

\$2.500

This year's recipient is **Emmaline Herring** for her piece "Grinder."



#### **Modeling the Spreading** of the Coronavirus

#### \$10,000

School of Engineering faculty are creating three research groups of undergraduate students who will set up effective models for spread of disease and then merge the three models into a more comprehensive model.

#### **Arctic Design Group | 2020 Venice Architecture** Biennale, Italy

#### \$10,000

Funding will support School of Architecture faculty and students in the production of an Arctic-focused design installation which will be exhibited at the worldrenowned Venice Architecture Biennale.

#### 1970: May Strike in Context -**Oral Histories of Alumni**

#### \$10,000

The UVA Library will host a major exhibition, "1970: May Strike in Context," to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the May Strike and the larger cultural context that sparked student activism at UVA.

#### Kluge-Ruhe Permanent and **Summer Exhibitions 2020**

#### \$10,000

UVA students will gain significant experience in helping with two upcoming exhibitions: "From Little Things, Big Things Grow," in the permanent exhibition galleries at Kluge-Ruhe; and "Bapurru (Remembering): New Yolngu Prints from Milingimbi and Yirrkala," in the summer exhibition in Kluge-Ruhe's rotating gallery.



#### PRESERVATION OF ALDERMAN **CARD CATALOG & ROTUNDA PLANETARIUM PHASE 2**

#### \$10,000

Funding supports an ongoing project to preserve the historic Alderman Library card catalog for future research. Additional funding will provide added public nights for the Rotunda Planetarium and the publication of a book detailing the multidisciplinary history of the Rotunda.

#### Formula SAE Team 2019-20

#### \$9.966

Funding will support and expand experiential learning for the fledgling Formula SAE team as they design and build a car to race in national competition.

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN** STUDENT UNION **POWWOW**

\$3,750

NASU's powwow at UVA is an annual celebration of Native American culture and the biggest event the organization hosts. The powwow is open to the public.



#### **Aboriginal Art on Grounds Documentary**

#### \$7,000

Funding will support a short documentary capturing student engagement with Aboriginal art at UVA through two recent exhibitions: "The Inside World" at the Fralin Museum and "Munguyhmunguyh (Forever)" at the Rotunda.

#### So Many Ways to Say "I Belong at UVA"

#### \$10,000

This project raises awareness of linguistic diversity as a positive resource. Recordings compiled will be donated to UVA's Special Collections Library and will be made available to Undergraduate Admissions and the Office for Diversity and Equity.

#### **Graduate English Students Association's Annual Graduate Conference**

#### \$1.000

The Graduate English Students Association will present an annual graduate conference, themed "Transformation."

#### "Stepping Out": Deeper **Understandings of Marginalized Families**

#### \$10,000

This project will help to train teachers for home visits, focusing on self-reflection, understanding systemic privilege and disadvantage, and recognizing listening techniques that are more and less effective for deepening relationships.

#### **UVA Safe and Sustainable Driving**

#### \$7.000

A team of students will analyze data collected by Facilities Management from 182 fleet vehicles to improve driving skills and sustainable driving practices. Initial results generated will secure larger funding through the National Science Foundation or Department of Energy sources.



#### **RETOLD: CELEBRATING WOMEN** OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

#### \$10.000

2020 is a unique moment in time at UVA: the 100th anniversary of the Board of Visitors resolution allowing some women to enroll in select graduate and professional programs and the 50th anniversary of full coeducation. To honor these milestones, the UVA Alumni Association will host Retold, a celebration of the transformational impact of women on the University of Virginia.

THE JEFFERSON TRUST UVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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THE JEFFERSON TRUST BOARD consists of alumni, parents and friends of the University who want to play an active role in shaping the institution's future, through both their philanthropy and their expertise. The trustees are responsible for grant selection and oversight, as well as providing strategic direction in finance, development and communications. Donors who commit \$150,000 or more to the Trust have the opportunity to serve up to five years as a trustee.

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# Finance

The latter half of the 2020 fiscal year saw a steep decline in world markets. While some sectors recovered quickly, others will take months or even years to recover. Despite turbulence created by the pandemic, continued contributions from Trust donors helped grow the endowment, while conservative investing from the University of Virginia Investment Management Company (UVIMCO) minimized any losses. While certainly slower in growth than in previous years, the total endowment grew by over \$1.4 million, or 4.5 percent. This support and stability allowed the trustees to comfortably award \$1 million in the 2019-2020 academic year, while positioning the organization to do so again in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Grant funding for the year represented 4.84 percent of the Trust's grant endowments. On the operations side, the 2019-2020 budget was cut dramatically and the staff made a concerted effort to restructure and reduce expenses for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. These changes will help provide consistent operating support while continuing to grow the grant endowments and annual grant funding.

#### **ENDOWMENT GROWTH**



# Impact

Since the Trust's founding in 2006, over \$8.9 million has been granted to 227 projects. Students, faculty, and staff from every school, and many organizations, centers and institutes, have received funding from or were supported in their creation by the Trust. A few of our most transformative grants are highlighted below, along with a graphical representation.

Rare Book School Research Fellowship Program (2011; \$40,000) generated proof of concept for a Mellon Foundation grant of \$10M. Developing
Students for
Leadership in
Data-Intensive
Research(2013;
\$100,000) led to the
creation of the Data
Science Institute
(\$10M gift to
establish), and the
recently announced School of
Data Science
(\$120M gift to
establish).

Ignite (2015-16; \$50,000, \$75,000) provides new faculty with the knowledge, skills, and supportive community they need to develop into exceptional teachers; a successful pilot led to full funding from the Provost's Office.

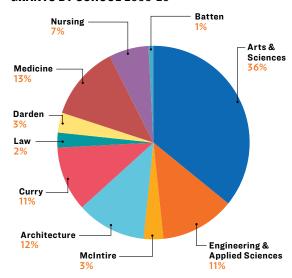
**Hoos Connected** (2018; \$39,000) brings together groups of students to build cohesive and supportive relationships while discussing key components of making meaningful connections. Additional funding has been received from the President and Provost's fund to expand the program.

**Reshaping Archival** & Public Space in **School of Nursing** (2019: \$32,000) is a partnership with the community to publicly recognize African American graduates from the School of Nursing, known as the "Hidden Nurses." The program has gained national attention and similar projects are starting at other Universities.

#### **GRANTS BY TYPE 2006-20**

# Pan University 13% Faculty Excellence 4% Science/ Technology 17% Student Life/ Experience 32% Global 5% Community Relations 10%

#### **GRANTS BY SCHOOL** 2006-20\*



<sup>\*</sup> Additional grants to non-school organizations such as the libraries, student organizations, the Women's Center, or OpenGrounds are not represented in this chart

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