

Research & Development Program Guidelines
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1. Eligible Applicant: - a Virginia-based entity must be party to each application (Virginia university participation not required)
2. Eligible Projects: - applied research (post proof of concept) and/or commercialization
- Commission will have a bias for commercialization within 36 months within the tobacco region
3. Eligible Sectors: - Energy (primary emphasis)
- Biomedical and Health Care (e.g. point-of-care diagnostics, computational technologies)
- Information Technology Services (e.g. Health IT, cyber security)
- Chemicals and Materials (e.g. nano-materials and biopolymers)
- Clean Energy & Environment (e.g. fuel cells & distributed hydrogen, carbon capture and storage)
4. Grant terms - two cycles per year
- \$500,000 minimum and \$5 million maximum Commission award
- Maximum of three awards per applicant and no multi-year awards
- the portion of total project cost funded by the Commission must be spent in tobacco region
- progress reports required three times per year
5. Leveraging - Bias is for 100% match requirement, at a minimum. Virginia college and university match ratios should be capped at 50% of the required third party match level and in-kind should be permitted for some component of the college or university match element. Evidence of required matching commitment is required before disbursement.

- at least 50% of project cost must be provided by non-Commission sources
- financial participation from Virginia universities is not required
- in-kind contributions from Virginia universities will be recognized.
- written evidence of non-Commission funding is required for disbursement of Commission funds.
6. Intellectual Prop. - Applicants must disclose all relevant patents, disclosures, copyrights, licenses, etc. at time of application and the terms of any licensing required for commercialization.
7. Administrative Cost - \$400,000/year (estimated) to be reimbursed from the R&D Fund upon approval by Executive Director
8. Review Panel - to be empanelled and managed by VEDP with participation approved by the Commission in advance.