HEETF Update and Instrumentation Database
Major Instrumentation Database

Goals:

• Increase visibility of instruments that represent a very significant institutional investment
• Facilitate research by VCU Research faculty
• Maximize utilization and impact of research instrumentation
• Reduce unnecessary and wasteful duplication
• Foster collaboration within and between units
• Responsive to desire articulated by state legislators / JCOTS
Major Instrumentation Database

Implementation:

• Developed by OVPRI Office of Information System
  – Software development: Jim Ward and Craig Spurrier
  – Data collection: Salina Mann-Ghee, Christopher Wimble, Bryan Rowland

• Incorporated into the RAMS-FORCE system for core management

• Searchable by all VCU affiliates with an EID

• Initial rollout will include HEETF funded equipment acquired since 2016

• Will be expanded to include most major instruments at the institution.
HEETF Research Committee

● One of three institutional HEETF committees
● ~$5.5M was allocated by the research committee in FY21
● A similar amount of state money is projected for FY22
● Allocations fund acquisition of research instrumentation
● Requests are brought forward by Dean-level or Dean-equivalent business units (e.g. MCC)
● Committee consists of representatives from across the institution.
Changes to Research HEETF Process

Will:

● Ensure better alignment of requests with institutional priorities
  ○ Explicitly link requests to Strategic Research Priorities Plan

● Stretch VA State HEETF allocation
  ○ Overall, expenditures on research instrumentation will rise

● Encourage units to make carefully considered requests that are likely to maximize impact

● Ensure that smaller units are not disadvantaged
Changes to HEETF 2021 (FY22)

Implementation:

- Progressive matching scheme based on total allocated to each unit (not per instrument):
  - First $100K allocated will subject to 0% match
  - $100K - $250K amount at 10%
  - $250K - $500K amount at 15%
  - Residual above >$500K at 20%

- Cost match will be automatically calculated and applied

- Requests supported by more than one unit will require a prior agreement as to the amount pledged by each unit and the amount pledged will go towards that unit’s overall allocation

- Renovations, personnel, future maintenance etc. not allowable towards match

- Cost matches will effectively increase the total funding pool