

# VCU Federal Relations Overview and 2020 Legislative Outlook



# ABOUT VCU GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

# DC/Richmond Based

- Tell VCU's story to policymakers
  - Student success
  - Research strengths
- Weigh in on policy and federal funding
- Ensure VCU has a seat at the table

# Resource to Campus

- Facilitate VCU communication with Congress, General Assembly, and respective agencies
- Congressional letters of support for grant applications
- Coach and prep for Capitol Hill/agency meetings
- Help getting “unstuck” with federal agencies
- Insights on political and legislative issues
- Relationship building with key agencies and offices

# Telling the VCU Research Story in DC/GA

- Highlight VCU's work that's relevant to national, state, and local conversations
- Focus on concise, digestible outcomes
- How do federal, state, and local policies and regulations impact research/researchers?
- Compelling outcomes that demonstrate the value of federal research investment

# How ReDAC Can Inform Policy

- Keep us updated on regulatory, legislative, and other issues on your radar
- Share policy ideas and identify issue experts
- Translate your research into policy recommendations
- Come to Capitol Hill, the General Assembly, and meetings at City Hall.

# Help Me Help You

- Let us know when you'll be in DC or at the GA whether with professional associations or on your own
- Check in with us before sending letters or otherwise communicating with Congress, GA members, and/or city officials in your official VCU capacity, or before inviting officials to campus
- Flag federal, state, and local policy and funding issues
- Use us as a resource!

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK



# FY20 Appropriations

- Current continuing resolution expires December 20
- Agreement on top-line spending levels (though they aren't public)
- TBD: details of funding bills, order of consideration, border wall funding

# Questions?

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