

The Commonwealth Technology Fund (CTRF) controls state funds which are available only to public institutions of higher education in Virginia to attract public and private research funding for institutions of higher education, in order to increase technological and economic development in Virginia. Attached are guidelines for applying for this funding. Note that there is a one to one (100%) match requirement for this funding.

In the past, the following fields were the only ones that were solicited for applications for CTRF funding:

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| Aerospace | Biotechnology | Energy |
| Environmental and information technologies | High performance manufacturing | Telecommunications |
| Transportation | | |

Now, the CTRF has added several new sectors for funding consideration as follows:

- Nanotechnology
- Modeling and Simulation
- Healthcare
- Microelectronics
- Homeland Security and Defense.

If anyone is interested in applying, they must route through the Office of Sponsored Programs for university approval of their proposal and observe the following criteria:

Proposal Submission

Applicants must indicate which of the Fund's four component programs is applicable (See full announcement Attached) and provide a brief description of how the proposal would meet the goal of the respective component. In addition, applicants must submit a grant proposal specifically describing the following:

1. Project goals and objectives
2. Proposed activities and timeline
3. Cost
4. Participants
5. ***Amount of matching funds from the institution and, where applicable, federal or private matching funds (1 to 1 match is required)
6. Anticipated technical and economic outcomes
7. A projection of how the grant would increase technological and economic development in Virginia.

It is anticipated that proposals will average ten pages in length.

There is no published deadline for CTRF applications. More information can be found on the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) website: http://www.cit.org/programs/r_and_d.html

Please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at 568-6872 for further guidance if you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity.