

**Keck Foundation
RFP June 2019 Award**

The Research Office (RO) is supporting the WVU Foundation in seeking high quality applications for [W.M. Keck Foundation](#) funding.

The Research Program of the Keck Foundation focuses only on medical research and science and engineering efforts, which are novel in their approach and have transformative potential. Specifically the Foundation's emphasis are on efforts that:

- Focus on important and emerging areas of research
- Have the potential to develop breakthrough technologies, instrumentation or methodologies
- Are innovative, distinctive and interdisciplinary
- Demonstrate a high level of risk due to unconventional approaches, or by challenging the prevailing paradigm
- Do not focus on clinical or translational research, treatment trials or research for the sole purpose of drug development
- Fall outside the mission of public funding agencies

Awards are \$500K to \$5M, but recently have been in the \$1M range. The application process is quite different from that of most federal funding agencies or even other foundations, and is a multi-step process. While the process takes a year from application to decision, the first step, is to contact the Research Office, sheena.murphy@mail.wvu.edu indicating your interest and a rough and brief outline of your idea.

There are two cycles per year. For awards announced in June 2019 (yes, the year is correct), it is recommended that you contact the Research Office before May 15, 2018. The RO and WVU Foundation will evaluate your idea and if appropriate will aid you in writing your 1 page concept paper to be submitted to Keck for pre-application counseling.