**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Is my donation tax-deductible?**

Yes. All donations received through the USEED at U.Va. platform are considered donations to the University of Virginia and are thus tax-deductible. Donors will receive a tax receipt following gift processing.

**Where is my donation going?**

100% of your donation will go directly to the lab or department leading your selected project. No portion of your donation will go to credit-card fees or be used to fund the USEED at U.Va. platform. See “What if my project doesn’t meet its funding goal?” below for further info.

**What if my project doesn’t meet its funding goal?**

If a project does not meet its funding goal, all funds raised for that project will be placed into the University of Virginia’s Innovation Opportunity Fund, which seeds early-stage, proof-of-concept research and provides enhanced entrepreneurial programming benefitting students and faculty. Projects falling short of their funding goals will be given first priority to available funds, based on the project team leaders developing new milestones appropriate to the level of funding received to move the project forward. The Innovation Opportunity Fund is administered by U.Va. Innovation.

**I’m interested in giving more. How can I make a major gift?**

Contact Deb Donnelly at 434-243-2925 or ddonnelly@virginia.edu to discuss research and innovation giving opportunities.

**How can I get involved in a project?**

Projects are often looking for additional “champions,” mentors or team members. Contact Morgan Estabrook at 434-982-4191 or estabrook@virginia.edu to explore the possibilities.

**How can I get my project funded on the USEED at U.Va. platform?**

A limited number of spots are available in this pilot program, but U.Va. Innovation is maintaining a list of interested participants. Contact Morgan Estabrook at 434-982-4191 or estabrook@virginia.edu for details.

**What is U.Va.’s privacy policy?**

Individuals’ privacy is important to the University of Virginia. To better protect your privacy we provide this notice explaining our online information policy and practices. Our privacy and public records obligations are governed solely by applicable Virginia statutes, including, but not limited to, the Virginia Privacy Protection Act of 1976, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and by any applicable U.S. federal laws. The entire policy can be found [here](http://www.virginia.edu/copyright.html#privacy).