

• ***VCU and the University of KwaZulu-Natal: A Jazz Bridge to Greater Understanding***

**School of the Arts** **University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)**  
**Department of Music** \$50,000

Professor Antonio J. Garcia

*A collaborative research and performance project bringing together students and faculty of the Jazz Studies programs of VCU and UKZN. The grant commissions four new musical works to be recorded and released on a joint CD. This grant seeks to improve the understanding of our underserved communities by bringing scholars and students of African-based music to VCU's campus to meet with VCU students and scholars, examining curricula that prepare students for a global future, and delivering concerts and recordings that highlight the African influence on jazz in the minds of Richmond's cultural majorities and minorities.*

• ***Building Global Bridges through Community-Engaged Research***

**School of Medicine** **University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)**  
**Department of Social and Behavioral Health** \$50,000

Dr. Maghboeba Mosavel

*A collaborative research project seeking to contribute and expand upon existing evidence that support engaging students and young people as innovators to effect positive and sustainable change in low-income and poor communities. Project will involve VCU, UKZN and the Kenneth Gardens Intervention Project, a sub-economic housing development project in Durban, as well as the Richmond Redevelopment Housing Authority. VCU and UKZN students will be centrally involved in that the project utilizes an international cross-peer mentoring design.*

• ***An Emergency Medicine Interdisciplinary Collaboration between PGIMER and VCU's Department of Emergency Medicine with a Focus on Health Administration, Nursing, Medical Education and Emergent Cardiology***

**School of Medicine** **Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (India)**  
**Department of Emergency Medicine**

Dr. Harinder Dhindsa

*Interdisciplinary clinical and research project promoting the recently recognized and accredited specialty of emergency medicine in India involving a team of experts who will be promoting research, education and clinical emergency medicine as it relates to nursing, emergency cardiology, pediatric critical care, medical education, and health administration. The three main objectives focus on the clinical practice of emergency medicine, the burden of emergency/disaster management in India, and research and didactic collaborations on these primary topics.*

• ***VCU and the University of São Paulo in the Era of "Science without Borders"***

**College of Humanities and Sciences** **University of São Paulo (Brazil)**  
**Department of Chemistry** \$35,000

Dr. Nicholas Farrell

*This proposal serves as an investigation for possibilities of international collaboration in science, engineering and education funded by US Government granting agencies through the "Science without Borders" initiative. The proposal initiatives will act as outreach tools to the University community, disseminating information on international initiatives in STEM research and education and advertising the possibilities for research collaborations with Brazil by highlighting the quality and diversity of ongoing research.*

• ***Islamic Art History at VCU and UCO: A Curricular Partnership for a Global Future***

**School of the Arts** **University of Córdoba (Spain)**  
**Department of Art History** \$49,500

Dr. Michael Schreffler

*Curriculum and research development project focusing on the study of Islamic art and architecture in Spain as well as collections of renowned art museums in the USA. The project includes the creation of an undergraduate course on Islamic art and architecture to be offered at VCU and UCO beginning in Spring 2013, and the development of an undergraduate research conference at UCO in May 2013, where students from VCU and UCO will meet to share their research.*