## Three National Science Foundation Grants

UVA-Wise is Nationally Competitive

## National Science Foundation S-STEM Award #1833781

• S-STEM: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

PI – Josephine Rodriguez (Biology)

Co-PIs Floyd Beckford (Chemistry) Bruce Cahoon (Biology) Margie Tucker (Biochemistry)



The largest NSF award to UVA-Wise Highly competitive program: 500 proposals ~75 awards



## \$650,000.00 grant \$410,000.00 funds student scholarships

## 2019 UVA-Wise S-Stem Cohort



<u>9 Students</u> 6 first year students 3 transfer students



- ADVANCE: Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions
  - "Awards to develop systemic approaches to increase the participation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers"
- Goal Develop and implement strategies to promote gender equity and systemic change in STEM disciplines among COPLAC institutions.
  - \$1,012,194 distributed across five institutions.





National Science Foundation ADVANCE Award #1935889

- Professor Rodriguez will train and empower administrators and chairs (AKA "influencers") to problem solve and create equity goals.
  - Provide training at annual COPLAC, Conference on Undergraduate Research (CUR) biennial, and AAC&U meetings
- Professor Rodriguez will be an Affinity Group Leader
  - Form facilitated virtual professional affinity groups among COPLAC faculty.



 MRI: Major Research Instrumentation Grant to purchase an ultra-centrifuge

PI – Bruce Cahoon (Biology)

Co-PIs Floyd Beckford (Chemistry) Michael Shell (Biology)





Highly competitive program: 805 proposals ~140 awards



\$83,000.00 to purchase an ultra-centrifuge

Basic piece of equipment found in biology and chemistry research facilities

• Will replace an existing centrifuge that is ~35 years old and no longer serviceable

These awards are based on research capability and potential

