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**ACC-CRIA INNOVATION INITIATIVE 2023-2024 SMALL GRANT PROJECTS COMPLETE
& 2024-2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED**

Charlotte, NC Results from six research projects funded in the fourth annual 2023-2024 ACC Innovation grant cycle are now [available via whitepaper and video presentation](#). Today, officials from the Atlantic Coast Conference announced five new grant recipients for the 2024-2025 ACC-CRIA Innovation Initiative Small Grant Program with awards totaling approximately \$25,000.

The purpose of the grant program is to fund research examining issues related to college athletics administration. This year, we had a record number of 20 submissions. Proposal authors included both faculty and students representing 11 different ACC institutions. Each proposal was judged by ACC Faculty Athletic Representatives (FAR) as well as ACC Athletic Directors. The winning grant submissions are outlined below in no particular order.

1. **Virginia Tech:** Evaluation of the impact of travel across time zones on student athletes' well-being and performance - Shihoko Kojima, Robin M Queen, Michael Goforth, Paul Knackstedt, Ron Dickson, Clint Wattenberg (\$5,000)
2. **Florida State University:** Analyzing Consumer Demand for College Athletics in the NIL Era - J. Scott White & N. David Pifer (\$3,000)
3. **Stanford:** Estimating Causal Effects of Transferring on Division I Student Athletes' Athletic and Academic Outcomes - Francis Pearman, Kendall Cole, Tom Dee (\$7,500)
4. **University of Miami:** Assessing NIL's Impact on Student-Athlete Mental Health: A Mixed-Methods Approach - Youngho Park, Sangmi Kim, Windy Dees, Tywan Martin, Soyeon Ahn, Beck Graefe (\$4,000)
5. **Syracuse University:** Two Studies Informing Future Resource Allocation Decisions in College Athletics: Does Winning Always Matter? Has Transfer Portal Shifted Talent Distribution in College Sports? - Jeremy Losak & Adrian Simion (\$5,009)

Whitepapers from grant recipients will be presented to ACC athletics administrators at the conference's fall meeting in October 2025. The ACC and CRIA are grateful for the continued interest by scholars, and the impactful work generated as a result of this grant.



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