

Duke is pleased to announce a new partnership with VWR International as our **Strategic Partner** for procuring Laboratory Equipment, Research Supplies, and Design and Renovation Casework effective July 1, 2014. VWR will also continue to operate the Storeroom located in the Levine Science Research Center and is expanding the Storeroom portfolio to further support Duke University with a larger selection of chemicals (solvent, acids and specialty chemicals), Life Science products (GE Healthcare, Quanta and Promega) and consumables (Greiner Tissue Culture, Expanded Corning offering and Biotix/Neptune PCR plastics) will be on hand as well as a demo lab featuring VWR Contour Rediship Casework.

This is an enhanced supplier relationship for the Duke Research Community. VWR will be our exclusive distributor for popular research brands such as Thermo Scientific, Eppendorf, Beckman Coulter, Corning, Greiner Bio-One, GE Healthcare and many other products carried by multiple distributors. You can find a list of manufacturers at [procurement.duke.edu](http://procurement.duke.edu) and [VWR.com](http://VWR.com) (About VWR, Suppliers).

VWR has created a **high usage list of products** at exceptional discounts. If there are high usage items your department or lab would like added to the list please contact the VWR team.

VWR will continue to provide products ordered with:

- \* No shipping charges
- \* No hazardous fees
- \* No minimum order size, and a
- \* No dry ice fees
- \* No fuel charges
- \* No hassle return policy

Effective July 1, [VWR.com](http://VWR.com) can be used for checking availability, researching products and creating shopping lists, but orders will no longer be able to be placed through it. Orders should be placed through [Buy@Duke](mailto:Buy@Duke) using the VWR punch-out catalog.

We will begin the process of removing exact product matches from other distributor sites and the expectation is that all orders and products that can be purchased from VWR will be directed through [Buy@Duke](mailto:Buy@Duke) and purchased from the VWR catalog. If you need assistance locating a product, [VWR.com](http://VWR.com) has a robust cross reference search engine or you may contact your VWR representative to assist you with getting the right part number.

VWR is providing additional personnel during the transition phase to assist you and ensure there is no disruption to the ordering process. They are available to attend departmental meetings and/or visit with individual labs to provide training on VWR/[Buy@Duke](mailto:Buy@Duke) features and to answer any questions you may have. The contact information for the VWR team is Stacey Pope ([Stacey\\_Pope@vwr.com](mailto:Stacey_Pope@vwr.com), Tel: 919-325-6119) and Kelli Walters ([Kelli\\_Walters@vwr.com](mailto:Kelli_Walters@vwr.com), Tel: 919-316-8452). The VWR Storeroom telephone numbers are 678-288-3190 or 919 -613-8362.

Thank you for your support of this new partnership with VWR. If we can assist you as you transition your purchases, please do not hesitate to contact me, [ed.sharpe@duke.edu](mailto:ed.sharpe@duke.edu)