

Georgia College's Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program

The program was established in 2019 to provide a carefully selected group of current faculty with dedicated time to develop and hone leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education, specifically with a focus on issues women face in academic administration.

The *Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program* is administered by the Office of Academic Affairs and facilitated by Dr. Holley Roberts, Interim Associate Provost and Director of The Graduate School and Dr. Chavonda Mills, Department Chair, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy.

For more information, see the [website](#). Questions about the program may be directed to Drs. Roberts or Mills at holley.roberts@gcsu.edu or chavonda.mills@gcsu.edu.

The Fellows for 2020-2021 are:

Dr. Carrie Cook, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Josie Doss, College of Health Sciences
Dr. Jennifer Flaherty, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Renee Fontenot, College of Business
Dr. Liz Speelman, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Amy Sumpter, College of Arts and Sciences

School of Continuing and Professional Education

On November 3rd, the Executive Cabinet approved a request from Extended University to rename the unit into the School of Continuing and Professional Education. The approval reflects the evolving market in higher education and it is consistent with larger trends across U.S. as documented in many articles and reports including the *University System of Georgia's College 2025 Report*. It will allow Georgia College to develop a more focused outreach to alumni and engage in external partnerships with corporations and non-profit entities. The renamed unit will be led by an Executive Director instead of an Associate Vice President (current organizational structure).

Congratulations!

Ashok Hegde, PhD, and Kristine White, PhD, of Biological and Environmental Sciences who were awarded Fall 2020 Innovative Grants by the GC Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee. Dr. Hegde's project is titled *Confocal Microscope*; Dr. White's is *Enhanced Scientific Macro Photography*.

Sandy Baxter, Communities in Schools, CIS Model Demonstration Project, CIS-GA, \$26,000 and Wraparound Baldwin-Yr 3, U.S. Department of Education, \$499,813.

Post-Tenure Review Input

As you know, the Chancellor has charged a working group to look at the BOR Policy on Post Tenure Review. The working group includes representation from the BOR, the USG, and faculty. They would like input from campuses across the USG. To that end, please see survey link below. Broad participation is important.

The link can be found at the bottom of the USG Academic Affairs page at https://www.usg.edu/divisions/academic_affairs.

A direct link to the survey can be found here <https://survey.usg.edu/s3/Post-Tenure-Review-Feedback-Form>

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

NCUR is virtual this year! GCs goal is to have 100+ presenters.

What: GC is a national leader in undergraduate research, and has a major presence in CUR (Council on Undergraduate Research) and NCUR. Now that NCUR is virtual, we'd like to surpass the previous record of 95 presenters. Please encourage your students to submit their research and creative endeavors, regardless of discipline.

Who Can Present: Students can present, but faculty mentors can also present in the Faculty-Administrator Network (FAN) sessions.

When: The early acceptance deadline is November 1st, but the final deadline is **December 1st** for students to submit.

Cost: The Office of Mentored Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors & *GC Journeys* will cover the registration costs for accepted presenters.

To Submit: Visit https://www.cur.org/what/events/students/ncur/2021/ncur_2021_abstract_submissions_instructions/

Questions? Please contact urace@gcsu.edu if you have any questions, or reach out to Drs. Doreen Sams or Jordan Cofer.

Faculty must meet with their student researchers before submitting their abstract and students must follow the steps on the NCUR website carefully.

When registering, students must identify Dr. Doreen Sams as the GCSU contact person. They DO NOT pay for registration, but have the registration billed to GC. Please contact urace@gcsu.edu if you have any questions. FYI, there is a penalty for registering **but not** presenting. For MURACE to cover the registration cost, only GC students enrolled as undergraduates in the Spring 2021 are eligible to present. See MURACE [website](#) for details.

Let's fill the NCUR Virtual Conference with our GREAT GC mentored undergraduate researchers!

Engagement Scholarship Consortium

Georgia College is now a member of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium (<https://engagementscholarship.org/>). Participation in this consortium will provide an opportunity for our faculty and students to attend the Annual Conference and publish in two peer reviewed journals (*Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* and *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*). It will also support our institutional efforts in GC Journeys.

Please encourage faculty to take advantage of this professional development opportunity.

24th Annual Conference on the Americas

This multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary Conference is being held under the auspices of the Americas Council, a consortium of University System of Georgia (USG) institutions. The purpose of the Americas Council is to provide a venue in which faculty from the University System of Georgia (USG) can engage and share their interest and expertise regarding the USA, Latin American nations, countries in the Caribbean, and Canada. The Americas Council is a consortium of USG universities and organizes an annual conference for presenters and participants to explore critical socio-cultural, political, economic, global, regional, and national issues including the challenges and opportunities facing Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. While the focus of this conference is primarily for faculty members, the Americas Council also strongly encourages graduate and undergraduate students to participate.

Conference Website: <https://ung.edu/college-of-arts-and-letters/conference-on-the-americas/index.php>