

Spring 2022 GC Journeys Department Mini-Grant:

Submissions Due December 15th

Winners Announced January 4th

GC Journeys is offering Departmental Planning Mini-Grants to help increase students' access to Transformative Experiences.

GC Journeys Departmental Planning Mini-grants:

GC Journeys Planning Mini-Grants up to **\$5,000** are available for departments to analyze the department/program's current GC Journeys plan and to create an action plan for institutionalizing, strengthening, and/or expanding students access to Transformative Experiences (High-Impact Practices) within the department's curriculum.

Proposals are invited from departments who are committed to institutionalizing GC Journeys, but are in the initial stages of integrating transformative experiences across the curriculum, *or* are looking to make changes to their current structure. The goal of the planning grant is to expand students' access to transformative experiences as part of the GC Journeys program.

If selected, each department will be responsible for submitting a department plan to increase student participation in Transformative Experiences by June 1st, 2022.

Awards

The mini grants will be transferred (via internal transfer) to selected department for professional development use. This money must be spent by June, 2022.

Each member of the department team will receive \$500 in professional development funding for teams up to 10 faculty members (up to \$5,000).

Planning proposals should include the following information:

- Name and contact information of the Department Team
- Overview of the Department's current GC Journey's offerings
- Outline of potential changes and subsequent action steps
- Department Chair Sign-Off

Departments Must Agree To The Following:

- All Departments must submit their plan and timeline for implementation by June 1st.
- Each Department agrees to work with their chair and Advising to make sure their Transformative Experience courses are tagged and labeled

GC Journeys Plan

If selected, each department will be responsible to producing a GC Journeys Departmental Plan that should include:

- Changes to current Department GC Journeys Offerings—including a list of courses that incorporate transformative experiences already offered by the department.
- Implementation plan with timeline for activities (including a list of courses that you plan to incorporate Transformative Experiences).
- How the proposed work will impact student learning outcomes and help build the departments capacity/increase the number of students completing transformative experiences through GC Journeys?
- Anticipated outcomes and subsequent action steps

Questions to Consider for Plan:

- What Transformative Experiences is the department currently offering? Has the department chair 'tagged' the courses with a curricular tag?
- What courses need to be developed?
- What type of faculty support is need?
- Is the GC Journeys information in the [four-year academic plans](#) accurate?
- Does the department have any undergraduate research projects that would qualify for the new [VIP research program](#) (see Dr. Mahabaduge for more information on VIP).

To Apply:

Fill out the form here: https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7aHucKtMYIn4OLY

Applications are accepted until December 15th. Please contact Jordan Cofer (jordan.cofer@gcsu.edu) with any questions.