

January 2022

USG Mental Health Initiative

The University System of Georgia has launched a comprehensive Mental Health Initiative to significantly expand student mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2021, Governor Kemp allocated funds from the Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) of the federal CARES Act specifically to support mental health and student support services within USG.

For more information, click [here](#).

GC specific information may be found [here](#).

For information on other USG institutions, click [here](#).

Congratulations!

Jordan Cofer, PhD, Academic Affairs, *HIPs Champions 2021-22*, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / University System of Georgia, \$20,000.

HIPs Faculty Implementation FY22, University System of Georgia, \$7,409.

Janet Cavin, Continuing and Professional Studies, *Reengagement Coordinator Funding*, Communities In School National, \$51,800.

Sequena Stanton, Continuing and Professional Studies, *High Achievers Afterschool Program*, Department of Human Services, \$185,000.

25th Anniversary Celebration Continues

The next event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of GC's designation as Georgia's Public Liberal Arts institution of higher education will take place on January 27, 2022 with the College of Health Sciences presenting: *25 Years of Liberal Arts in the Health Sciences*

Spring 2022 COVID Syllabus Statement

Please click [here](#) to find the most recent COVID syllabus statement.

Professional Leave

The purpose of professional leave is to refresh and reinvigorate tenured faculty members; to improve, through appropriate activity, the academic qualifications and teaching competence of the faculty; to encourage productive scholarly research; and to stimulate contributions of high caliber in the future that will enhance the stature of both the individual and the University. Congratulations to the following:

Abraham Abebe	2022-2023	Art
Dave Bachoon	Spring 2023	Biological and Environmental Sciences
David Weese	Fall 2022	Biological and Environmental Sciences
Hasitha Mahabaduge	Fall 2022	Chemistry, Physics, & Astronomy
Roger Coate	Fall 2022	Government and Sociology
Bradley Koch	Fall 2022	Government and Sociology
William Risch	2022-2023	History and Geography
Gongbing Hong	Spring 2023	Information Systems and Computer Science
Juan Ling	Spring 2023	Management, Marketing, and Logistics
Karl Manrodt	Fall 2022	Management, Marketing, and Logistics
Rachel Epstein	Fall 2022	Mathematics
Brandon Samples	Spring 2023	Mathematics

Affordable Materials Grants

Affordable Learning Georgia, an initiative of the University System of Georgia focused on providing affordable course materials, recently released a “Request for Proposals for Affordable Materials Grants.” Applications are due by February 14, 2022. Two types of grants are available:

Transformation Grants support individual instructors, teams of instructors, and entire departments, along with supporting professional staff, in replacing their existing commercial textbooks and materials in a specific course with no- or low-cost-to-students learning materials. The maximum award for Transformation Grants is \$30,000.

Continuous Improvement Grants support projects that increase the sustainability of open educational resources through substantial revisions and the creation of new materials. The maximum award for Continuous Improvement Grants is \$10,000.

Interested faculty should review the [Affordable Materials Grants Timeline](#) and return the [Intent to Apply](#) form to grants@gcsu.edu no later than January 14, 2022. For more information, contact Shaundra Walker, ALG Faculty Champion, at shaundra.walker@gcsu.edu or ext. 0987; or Chandra Cheatham, Grant and Contract Administrator at chandra.cheatham@gcsu.edu or ext. 8621.

Board Policy 8.3 Provost Task Force

A 12-member Provost Task Force (8 members from the University Senate) will review existing university policies and then identify and recommend changes to ensure that Georgia College is compliant with BOR approved updates to Board Policy 8.3 (October 12, 2021). Recommendations from the task force to the Provost are expected by February 1, 2022. Members are as follows:

Co-Chairs:

Catherine Fowler (Presiding Officer + COHS)

Holley Roberts (Office of Provost)

Members:

Linda Bradley (DEIPC Chair + College of Education)

Robert Blumenthal (Council of Chairs + College of Arts and Sciences)

Nicholas Creel (APC Chair and College of Business)

Paulette Cross (University Senate + College of Education)

Jennifer Flory (Presiding Officer Elect + College of Arts and Sciences)

Sabrina Hom (FAPC Chair + College of Arts and Sciences)

Karl Manrodt (University Senate + College of Business)

Sarah Myers (College of Health Sciences)

Lamonica Sanford (University Senate + University Library)

Micheal Stratton (Council of Deans)

Spring 2022 GC Journeys Department 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 (HIPs) within the department’s curriculum. This year’s award recipients are:

- Department of Accounting
- Department of Economics and Finance
- Department of Information Systems and Computer Science
- Department of English
- Department of Management, Marketing, & Logistics
- Department of Psychology
- Department of World Languages and Cultures