

GCSU's 2nd Annual GCSU Research Day

Georgia College & State University continues to focus on engaging the university community in various research activities, including the second annual GCSU Research Day scheduled to take place on March 27, 2024. The event presents the excellent scholarship and creative work of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty across the campus. Last year, 401 students + 88 faculty participated in Research Day—making it an overwhelming success!

Please encourage your students to submit their work for Research Day 2024—we want to showcase the amazing activities across the disciplines! Additionally, urge your students to attend one of the GCSU Research Day 2024 presentations in support of their peers. If your class is scheduled during this time, consider employing the GCSU Research Day 2024 program activities to complement your course objectives. If you do plan to integrate the GCSU Research Day 2024 into your Spring 2024 course syllabi, please complete the [survey](#) developed to assist the Organizing Committee as they plan the program (Due January 15th).

For more information about the GCSU Research Day 2024, including the Call for Submissions, please visit: <https://kb.gcsu.edu/researchday>. Contact Dr. Christina Smith, Faculty Director of GCSU Research Day 2024 (christina.smith1@gcsu.edu) or Dr. Jordan Cofer, Associate Provost for Transformative Learning Experiences (jordan.cofer@gcsu.edu) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation and for your support of this important initiative at GCSU.

Undergraduate Research Journal

Volume 3, Issue 2 of *Undergraduate Research* was published in December 2023. We received 50 submissions and featured five articles from students at University of Calgary, Salve Regina University, Monmouth University, Cumberland University, University of Memphis. The latest issue can be read [here](#). Students wishing to be considered for the next issue may visit the [Undergraduate Research website](#).

CORExplore

During the Spring 2024 semester the Office of Academic Affairs will be launching the CORExplore program. The purpose of this initiative is to provide students with additional academic opportunities to their program of study through the core.

Congratulations!

Grants

Nancy Mizelle, EdD, Professional Learning and Innovation, TQP - GREAT Grant (Yr. 5/5), US Dept of Education/Southern Regional Education Board, \$95,680.

Dave Bachoon, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences, Implementation of a Water Quality Restoration Strategy at the San Juan Bay Estuary watershed and the Río Grande de Loíza (below dam) Estuary Contributing Zone, University of Puerto Rico, \$25,000.

Kasey Karen, PhD, (Heather Vincent, student), Biological and Environmental Sciences, Regulation of DNA-PK Ser2056 Phosphorylation by Ad E4 11k, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, \$650.

Kasey Karen, PhD, (Elizabeth Seidita, student), Biological and Environmental Sciences, The Impacts of Adenovirus E4 11k on RIG-I Activation and Type I Interferon, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, \$750.

Veronica Womack, PhD, Rural Studies Institute, Regenerative Agriculture Foundation EPA Grant, Regenerative Agriculture Foundation, \$25,000.

Jeanne Haslam, The Learning Center, STEM Initiative, University System of Georgia, \$45,000.

Rachel Pope, Student Affairs, Safe and Sound FY24, Governor's Office of Highway Safety, \$9,539.

GCSU Professional Leave Program: 2024-2025

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. The following faculty have been awarded a professional leave in FY25.

- **Jehan Eljournbagy**, *Accounting & Business Law*, spring 2025.
- **Elissa Auerbach**, *Art*, fall 2024.
- **William Fisher**, *Art*, spring 2025.
- **Wathsala Medawala**, *Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy*, spring 2025.
- **Mary Magoulick**, *English*, spring 2025.
- **Jeff Turner**, *Health and Human Performance*, fall 2024 and spring 2025.
- **Alesa Liles**, *Government & Sociology*, spring 2025.
- **Sara Doude**, *Government & Sociology*, fall 2024.
- **Guy Biyogman**, *Mathematics*, fall 2024.
- **Kristina Dandy**, *Psychological Science*, spring 2025.
- **Diana Young**, *Psychological Science*, fall 2024.
- **Daniel Holcombe**, *World Languages & Cultures*, spring 2025.

“Don’t Cancel Class” Program

GCSU’s “Don’t Cancel Class Program” is a collaboration between the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that invites faculty to schedule a workshop for their normally scheduled class in the event of a planned absence or as part of the class plan.

Faculty are invited to choose from a menu of workshops, discussions and training focused on topics like transitioning to college, resilience, time management, growth mindset, effective communication, academic confidence and many more. Faculty may also request a customized workshop or training for their department, program, or class.

The form to request workshops for the spring semester can be found at <https://www.gcsu.edu/wellbeing/faculty-resources>. Contact Emily Jarvis at emily.jarvis@gcsu.edu or call x8566 for more information.

Affordable Learning Georgia Grants

It is time for the spring round of *Affordable Learning Georgia* (ALG) grants, a USG initiative. ALG includes grants, Open Education Resources (OER), and training. There are three types of grants: transformation, research, and continuous improvement.

Proposals must be reviewed by the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects and are due by March 6, 2024. The OGSP is offering application review and feedback from February 20-27, 2024. Please contact Dr. Shaundra Walker for information x0980.

Student Technology Fee Innovation Grants

Congratulations to the recipients of the Fall 2023 Student Technology Fee Innovation Grant funds:

- **Arnab Sengupta**, Biological and Environmental Sciences, *Fast & Efficient Protein Detection Strategy for New Chemical Biology Lab*, \$7,357.
- **David Weese**, Biological and Environmental Sciences, *Illuminating Coral Research at Georgia College*, \$4,166.
- **Matthew Milnes and Ashok Hegde**, Biological and Environmental Sciences, *Microscope Imaging System Replacement*, \$7,738.
- **Ronald Okoth**, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, *Stereochemistry equipment*, \$2,596.

For more information about the program, please visit the [Student Technology Fee Innovation Grants](#) page.