

## Provost's Research and Development Seed Grant Program

The Office of the Provost and the Office of Grants & Sponsored Projects is pleased to unveil the Provost's Research and Development Seed Grant Program. The seed grant is designed to support and increase faculty and institutional research initiatives. This funding (university-wide up to \$150,000 per year) aims to enhance GCSU's research capacity, foster innovative projects, and provide essential resources to leverage faculty pursuing larger grants.

For more information, see our [Faculty Initiatives page](#).

## Congratulations!

**Shantee Henry, DNP, School of Nursing, ANE SANE Training, Year 1 of 3, HRSA/HHS, \$490,004 (of \$1,431,865).**

**Arnab Sengupta, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences, Structural Regulation of Cap-Independent Translation in Eukaryotic mRNAs - Year 2 of 3, National Science Foundation, \$162,232 (of \$501,868).**

**Sallie Coke, PhD, School of Nursing, Advance Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW)– Year 2 of 4, Health Resources & Services Administration, \$644,609 (of \$2,599,911).**

## Fall Kickoff

The *Faculty and Staff Fall Kickoff Event* is scheduled for **Thursday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.** in Russell Auditorium.

The entire campus community is encouraged to attend.

## First Year Convocation

The GCSU First Year Convocation is scheduled for **Friday, August 23**. Faculty lineup begins at 2:00 p.m. and regalia is required.

The event takes place in the Centennial Center and is followed by Meet Your Major events from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. The WOW Block Party will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Liberal Arts Skills for the Professions and Individual Well-Being Fall 2024 Faculty Workshops

As part of the *Liberal Arts Skills for the Professions and Individual Well-Being* initiative, the Center for Teaching and Learning will be offering standalone workshops to support faculty as they navigate ways to help their students share the strengths of what they are learning in their classrooms. The emphasis of these workshops will be on finding ways to be intentional in the communications of those skills throughout the course, beginning with the syllabus and continuing through classroom discussions and assignments.

The intent of this program is to focus on the following four areas: teamwork, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication. Recognizing the importance of foregrounding the work with an overview of what we hope to accomplish, the team is planning to offer a Roadmap Workshop at the start of the program and again at the end.

**Roadmap Workshop:** Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Teamwork – Collaborative Excellence: Enhancing Teamwork through Liberal Arts Perspectives:** Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Critical Thinking – Navigating the Liberal Arts Landscape:** Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Problem Solving - Compass Points to Success:** Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Communication - Charting Your Course:** Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Roadmap Wrap-up:** Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Making Excellence Inclusive Day

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Making Excellence Inclusive Day – Empowering Every Voice, Igniting Collective Success

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**  
**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Program is open to everyone with completed registration – refer to Front Page for registration details.

### Save the Date: Constitution Week

- Monday, September 16: 5:00 pm - Usery Forum on Leadership (location forthcoming)
- Tuesday, September 17: 12:00 pm - Constitution Day Lunch Discussion & Student Debate – Pat Peterson Museum Education Room
- Tuesday, September 17: 6:00 pm - Trax on the Trail Concert and Constitution Day Keynote – Old Governor’s Mansion
- Wednesday, September 18: 9:00 am - Georgia Court of Appeals Oral Arguments
- Wednesday, September 18: 12:00 pm - Times Talk – Ina Dillard Russell Library
- Wednesday, September 18: 6:00 pm - Panel Discussion on Checks and Balances – Peabody Auditorium
- Thursday, September 19: 12:00 pm - Lunch Discussion on Separation of Church and State - Atkinson 202
- Thursday, September 19: 6:00 pm - Supreme Court Review (four recent cases) – A&S Auditorium

### Don't Cancel Class

The "Don't Cancel Class" Program is a collaboration between the Divisions of Student Life and Academic 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 trainings 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.

To request a workshop, please complete the [request form](#) or email [Dr. Cara Smith](#) or [Emily Jarvis](#) for more information.

### Show Your Bobcat Spirit! Volunteers are Needed to Assist Students

#### Cat Crew – Help Students Move into Residence Halls

Wednesday, August 14 | 7:45 am–noon | West Campus  
Thursday, August 15 | 7:15-11:00 am | Central Campus  
<https://www.gcsu.edu/housing/cat-crew>

#### Bobcat Brigade – Help Students Navigate Campus

Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20  
7:45 am- 4:00 pm (one-hour shifts)

Located by the A&S Fountain, we will have a tent with coffee, water, and lemonade. Join us as we provide directions to help students get to class and wish them a great first day!

Please check Front Page for more updates.

### GCSU Gives Day Site Leaders

This year, *GCSU Gives Day* will be hosted on Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm during Week of Welcome. Site leaders are faculty, staff, alumni, and returning students who participate in the volunteer project and assist the site host with delegating tasks. [Sign up to be a Site Lead Volunteer!](#)

Email [Ashley Copeland](#) for more information.