# Research & Development Seed Grant Fund

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

**Eligibility:** The seed grant is open to Georgia College & State University faculty members who have a proven research track record, including published work, awarded grants, national and international conference presentations as well as collaborative research projects with external institutions or industry partners. Preference will be given to faculty poised for securing external funding. **Proposals should outline how the funding will facilitate significant research advancements and enhance the potential for obtaining external funding.**

**Priority:** Faculty members who are currently involved in research projects funded by federal agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), US Department of Defense (DOD) or other similar federal funding organizations. These faculty members will be given precedence for participation and support, as their projects align with our goal to strengthen federally funded research initiatives within the institution.

## Seed Grant Fund (Maximum Individual Award of $50,000)

The multi-year seed grant is aimed to support innovative ideas, foster collaboration, and promote the advancement of Research & Development within our institution.

**Budget Categories:** Personnel funding (part-time/temporary grant coordinator, undergraduate & graduate assistant), course-release, equipment, materials and supplies, preliminary data collection, and travel.

**Application Process:** Please log into **GeorgiaVIEW**/D2L, click on the Self Registration menu option, find the Research & Development Seed Grant Program course. Be sure to complete the self-registration for the course. Submission instructions and forms to upload your materials are in the course announcements. **Project Summary**: Provide a concise summary of your research project that is accessible to a general audience. (250 words) **Project Description**: Outline the research project or initiative, include a section on Intellectual Merit of the project and the Broader Impact. (Max 3 pages) **Budget & Budget Justification**: Provide a detailed budget (template provided in GA View) that outlines the requested funds and includes a clear justification for each budget line. **Timeline**: Include a project timeline with key milestones (limit 2 years). (1 page) **Expected Outcomes**: Describe the expected impact and potential for leveraging larger grants that include potential sponsors. (1 page) **Curriculum Vitae**: Include a CV for the Principal Investigator and Key Personnel. **Feasibility Plan**: Detail plans for leveraging funding for larger external grants, include potential sponsors. (1 Page)

## Deadlines and Submission:

- Proposal Submission Deadline: [Continuous Submission]
- Review Process: [OGSP in conjunction with Department Chair and College Dean will make recommendation to the Office of Provost and Academic Affairs for award]
- Notification of Awards: [The Office of Provost and Academic Affairs will announce awarded proposals]

For any questions or additional information, please contact the Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Project, Grants at Grants@gcsu.edu; Phone: 478-445-2754.