The Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creativity Office (URSCO) seeks 4 - 5 UNCG teaching faculty and/or staff members to serve as URSCO Faculty Fellows for the 2021-22 academic year to integrate research-skills and/or experiences into first- and second-year undergraduate courses, especially those that serve UNCG’s General Education program (Minerva’s Academic Curriculum).

Descriptions and Goals

The goal of the URSCO Fellows program is to identify, support, and disseminate new ideas and pedagogical practices that increase the accessibility of Undergraduate Research (UR) on our campus.

Undergraduate Research (UR) is consistently identified as a transformative, high impact practice that helps facilitate deep learning, which leads to an increased sense of belonging resulting in higher GPAs, faster graduation rates, and greater post-graduation successes. It is also connected to growth in student confidence, competencies, and engagement.

UNCG is committed to making UR opportunities available to all students. One way to reach this goal is to complement the traditional single mentor mentee model by integrating research skills into our curriculum and developing Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs).

Compensation of $1,000 will be provided for each Fellow. These funds may be in the form of add-pay, research/travel or professional development funds, or expenses for the class/classes that will be redesigned. All awarded funds must be used by June 1st, 2022. (Please be advised that if used as add-pay taxes and benefits will be removed as required by state law.)

Fellow Responsibilities

Fellows will have four primary responsibilities:

1. Develop and integrate research skills and/or Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) into at least one entry-level course that they will teach in Spring 2022.
2. Attend 2 workshops organized by URSCO on CUREs.
3. Present that class design as a model that can be used in comparable classes in their own or other department during a workshop in late Spring 2022.
4. Promote Undergraduate Research and related models on campus.

URSCO is a unit within the University Teaching and Learning Commons
These responsibilities will be carried out in conversation with the URSCO and other Fellows.

**Eligibility for participation**

Open to all faculty and educational staff across the university.

**Timeline**

- September 24, 2021: Proposals due to the URSCO
- October 8, 2021: Applicants notified of final decisions
- November 2021: Disburse funds as needed
- April 20, 2022: Final Report Due

**Proposal Submission Instructions**

Proposals should consist of a one-page narrative that describes how the class/classes will be redesigned to incorporate research skills or CUREs; an assessment plan/outline of metrics for success; and a statement of willingness or share this work with the Fellow’s home department and at a workshop during the spring.

Submit proposals to urasco@uncg.edu by 5pm on September 24, 2021 with “URSCO Fellow” in the subject line.

Questions? Contact Lee Phillips (URSCO Director) at plphilli@uncg.edu or Joanne Murphy (Senior Undergraduate Research Fellow) at jmmurph2@uncg.edu