Call for Proposals for Funding (up to $5,000)
for Course Development related to “Creating Sustainable Communities”
Deadline: Monday, November 6, 5pm

Overview
Serve-Learn-Sustain invites applications for funding for innovative course development or revision related to social, environmental, and economic sustainability. Proposals should align with some piece of our sustainable communities framework developed jointly with faculty, available here. Courses should be taught in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2018. SLS staff will collaborate with awardees to support their work. Priority will be given to courses that seek to engage an on- or off-campus partner doing sustainable communities-related work. A few awards will be reserved for applicants who participated in the Spring 2017 Neighborhood Immersion Course Development Workshop. Awardees will be required to affiliate their course or project with SLS to promote and advertise it to a broad audience. For more information on affiliation, please see the guidelines.

Awards: Up to $5,000
Awards are expected to range from $1000 to $4000. They will be paid out of State funds, transferred to awardees at the end of December and made available to recipients by January 1st. They must be expended by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018). If you are selected as a Level 1 Affiliate (see below) you will receive $1000 in additional funding. Funds can be used in many ways; some examples include: discretionary funding, contribution to summer salary, compensation for a graduate research assistant, payment to a community partner you are collaborating with, materials for course projects, and transportation for field trips and events related to your course. You should confirm with the financial analyst in your unit to determine if your unit places any restrictions on spending of funds, and confirm the process for accessing your funds once they are transferred to you.

New Program: Level 1 Affiliation
Level 1 Affiliation is a new program we are piloting this spring to promote course development aligned closely with the SLS Sustainable Communities framework, especially 1) addressing sustainability as an integrated system, and/or 2) focusing on social sustainability. We are looking to develop more SLS foundation courses and identify courses that will support our key issues and initiatives and that will become part of SLS thematic pathways. Faculty accepted as Level 1 Affiliates will:

• Develop or revise their course as part of our first SLS Faculty Learning Community, convening in Spring Semester 2018. It will comprise 8-10 faculty members from across campus, who will meet three times and work together in between (meetings TBD by participants’ schedules)
• Implement a combination of basic and additional assessment activities, with support and feedback from SLS’ Academic Assessment team
• Receive an additional $1000 in funding on top of their course development award

Please Apply through this Online Portal. Note that the application includes:

• A short description (approximately 300 words) of the course that you propose to work on and how your work relates to one or more aspects of our Sustainable Communities Framework
• If you are proposing to work with a partner and already know who that partner is, you will be asked to provide a description of the partner, explain how the partnership will be structured, and upload a basic letter or email of support from the partner
• A request for a rough budget

Questions?
Please email SLS’ Service Learning and Partnerships Specialist, Ruthie Yow (ruth.yow@gatech.edu).