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 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. If you are selected as a Level 1 Affiliate (see below) you will receive $1000 in additional funding. They will be State funds, transferred to awardees at the end of December and made available to recipients by January 1, 2018. They must be expended by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018).

Funds can be used in many ways. Examples include: discretionary funding related to course development, contribution to summer salary, compensation for a GRA, payment to a community partner collaborating on your course, materials for course projects, and transportation for field trips and events related to your course. As State funds, they CANNOT be used for food. Consult with your unit's Financial Analyst to determine additional guidelines or restrictions, as well as the process for accessing your funds once they are transferred to your unit.

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.
- Preview the application here.

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