UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
College of Engineering

I^2 Grant

Instructional Innovations Grant

The College of Engineering (CENGR) offers teaching enhancement support to faculty through the Instructional Innovations (I^2) grant. This internal funding program supports innovative approaches aimed at improving instruction, student learning and engagement in the college of engineering.

Through the I^2 program, small grants in the range of $1,000 to $2500 will be provided to help faculty develop and implement innovative approaches, tools, methodologies for instruction that will lead to improved student learning and engagement, enhanced student experience, increased instructor effectiveness, improved resource utilization, affordable course materials etc. This could be accomplished in a number of ways for example, through introduction of new learning tools, development of course-specific apps, new hand-on projects, lab modules, innovative approaches to flipped classrooms, active learning or other methodologies. Faculty are also encouraged to leverage this internal funding to seek additional support from the UGA Office of Instruction through the Teaching Enhancement Funds. The I^2 funding will be available annually, until the program is canceled.

FY25 Cycle: While all forms of instructional innovations will be considered, use of generative AI tools for enhancing student experience and increasing instructor effectiveness are of particular interest during this fiscal year.

Eligibility: This funding is available to all engineering faculty under both non-tenure and tenure tracks. Only one submission is per eligible faculty member. Adjunct and courtesy faculty are not eligible to submit to this grant.

Reports: A one-page outcomes report must be submitted by the end of the fiscal on or before June 30. The report must include an elaborate description of the impact of the I^2 grant on specific course(s) along with student feedback or course assessment surveys as evidence.

Applications Instructions:

- Deadlines: Proposals are reviewed throughout the year, pending funds availability. However faculty are encouraged to submit early during the fiscal year.
- Applications must be submitted via email to Joyce Rice (jrrice@uga.edu) as a combined PDF document with "I2 GRANT APPLICATION" as subject line. The application package must combine the following documents:
    1. One Page Proposal
        i. Applicant name, title for project.
        ii. Description (<500 words) - describe how the grant will support the development of a new instructional tool or methodology or instructional innovation.
        iii. Budget and Justification.
    2. (optional) Support letter from School Chair or Director if funding supplement is provided by the schools.