

NURTURE

Nurturing University Research Teams for Universal Reach and Engagement

The college of engineering (CENGR) research office offers limited support through the NURTURE program for faculty researchers to cultivate, nurture, or bolster academic collaborations with foreign institutions. The collaboration must be aimed to advance UGA's mission, strengthen CENGR's research enterprise and create new opportunities for student recruitment. The NURTURE support program is specifically aimed at promoting international outreach and collaborations. Domestic collaborations are not supported through this program. This program is open to all CENGR faculty under both tenure and non-tenure tracks.

NURTURE awards may range from **\$1000 to \$3000** per collaboration per applicant. While cost-share is not required, this award may be supplemented with additional support from the schools and/or faculty discretionary funds. Funding from NURTURE award can be used for travel to the specific foreign institution(s) during the fiscal year in which the award is made. The funds may also be used for workshops, video networking sessions, conferences, proposal preparation expenses and other collaborative efforts that are in alignment with the program's objectives. NURTURE-supported collaborations are expected to materialize in the form of reciprocal research visits, student exchanges, joint proposals or publications during the fiscal year or shortly thereafter. Identification of specific sources of external funding and a description of prior history of collaborations (if applicable) are encouraged. Collaborations with institutions in countries that are under U.S. Department of State's travel restrictions are not allowed under this program.

FY25 Cycle: While collaborations with any foreign institution will be considered, institutions in countries that offer significant funding opportunities (e.g. Qatar) or that currently have a bi-national agreement with the U.S. (e.g. Israel), or that are ranked within the top 100 in [QS World University Rankings for Engineering](#) are preferred. A total of 2 to 3 awards may be awarded during the fiscal year 2025. For maximum impact, applicants are asked to leverage this internal support with the [Global Research Collaboration Grant \(GRCG\)](#) from the UGA Office of Global Engagement. Grantees are required to schedule a 'Kick-Off' Zoom meeting with the Senior Associate Dean within one month of the award date. Grantees must provide one page 'Outcomes Report' at the end of the grant period.

Applications Instructions:

- Deadlines: **September 1, 2025** (for Fall) and **February 1, 2026** (for Spring) by 5 PM.
- Applications must be submitted via email to Joyce Rice (jrrice@uga.edu) as a single PDF with "NURTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION" as subject line. The PDF must combine the following documents:
 1. One page proposal
 - i. Title of the NURTURE application.
 - ii. Applicant name, title and affiliation.
 - iii. List of partnering institution, names, titles and contact information of all researchers.
 - iv. Nature of the intended collaboration (<300 words) - describe how the grant will support the partnership, identify specific action items during the project period with specific deliverables, identify funding opportunities, student exchange or educational opportunities as applicable.
 - v. Budget and Justification.
 2. Support letter from foreign collaborator describing the intended collaboration.
 3. Support letter from School Chair or Director if funding supplement is provided by the schools.