

# REACH

## Research Engagement and Collaboration Handshake

REACH is a travel support program available to all faculty in the college of engineering. Unlike the NURTURE funding program which aimed at promoting international collaborations, REACH is aimed at promoting engagement and collaboration between faculty members and domestic collaborators, with the eventual goal of building large multidisciplinary teams, exploring new funding opportunities, networking with potential sponsors, industry members and other influencers. REACH places emphasis on engagement with a new potential collaborators outside UGA, new potential sponsors, influencers in industry or government, or lobbyists and does not support travel to meet with existing collaborators of the applicant. Examples of requests that would be considered for funding through this program include but not limited to: travelling to proposers conferences or workshops, traveling to meet with program managers for awards within reach, traveling to attend a workshop or conference that is specifically aimed at building teams for a large funding opportunity or that promote networking with specific influencer groups.

REACH award can be requested for up to **\$1000-2000** per applicant per fiscal year. While a cost-share is not required, this award may be supplemented with additional support from the schools and/or faculty discretionary funds. The REACH funds can be used for multiple trips for meeting with multiple collaborators. The funds may also be used for video conferencing, workshops, proposal preparation expenses and other collaborative efforts.

**FY25 Cycle:** While any type of collaboration would be considered, applicants are encouraged to identify proposers conferences, or focused events that offer high level of engagement, outreach and visibility for the applicant.

### Applications Instructions:

- Deadlines: Reviewed **throughout the year**, pending funds availability.
- Applications must be submitted via email to Joyce Rice ([jrrice@uga.edu](mailto:jrrice@uga.edu)) as a single PDF with “REACH PROGRAM APPLICATION” as subject line. The PDF must combine the following documents:
  1. One Page Proposal
    - i. Type and nature of engagement / collaboration (e.g. proposers workshop, sponsor meeting etc.)
    - ii. Applicant name, title and affiliation.
    - iii. Nature of the intended engagement or handshake meeting (<300 words) - describe how the grant will support the development of a new collaboration, engagement and partnership, identify specific action items during the project period with specific deliverables, identify funding opportunities.
    - iv. Budget and Justification.
  2. Support letter from School Chair or Director if funding supplement is provided by the schools.