

University of Georgia – College of Education
Research Support for Departments Offering Programs at UGA’s Extended Campuses

BACKGROUND: The University of Georgia had supported the College to offer programs at the Gwinnett campus through its Tuition Return program. This program had provided funding to support the professional travel for faculty members who taught in the programs at Gwinnett. In FY08, the funds were built into the College’s base budget. With the budget shortfalls in FY09, funding was not allocated for faculty members’ professional travel. The policy that was approved 3/31/10 was extended to the Griffin and Tifton campuses on 1/11/12.

POLICY: The College of Education’s mission is to provide high quality graduate education at the University’s Extended Campuses (Gwinnett, Griffin, Tifton). Departments must assign full-time faculty members to teach so that the degrees offered on the Extended Campuses and the Athens campus are substantively identical thus ensuring students receive the same high quality education. When full-time faculty members are assigned to teach at the Extended Campuses, the travel involved reduces the time available for their research efforts. The purpose of this policy is to provide additional funding to departments to support faculty members’ professional travel and research activities to balance their loss of time due to being assigned to teach at the Extended Campuses.

Departments will receive funding for courses taught by full-time faculty at the Extended Campuses during the academic year. The guideline excludes courses taught by part-time faculty, 100% on-line courses, and practicum/internship courses. Courses must be loaded into OASIS as Gwinnett, Griffin, or Tifton courses and must meet minimum enrollment guidelines.

The funding is transferred to the Department when a course has been determined to have sufficient enrollment after the add/drop period in Fall and Spring. Distribution of funding is based on the following guideline for the Gwinnett campus: 1) If the course meets 8 or more times, the department receives \$1000; and 2) If the course meets 1-7 times, the department receives \$500. Distribution of funding for courses taught at the Griffin or Tifton campuses: 1) If the course meets at least 4 times, the department receives \$1000; and 2) If the course meets 1-3 times, the department receives \$500. The difference in funding support for Gwinnett and Griffin/Tifton is due to the relative distances that faculty members have to commute from the Athens campus.

Transferred funds will be allocated at the discretion of the Department Head. The funding is intended to support faculty travel to present the results of research at professional conferences, but other forms of research support may be considered by the Head. The first priority for allocations should be faculty members who are assigned to teach at the Extended Campus for the current academic year. The second priority should be other faculty members who teach in the program offered at the Extended Campus.

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