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Academic Affairs Committee
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Information Item

AAC – 4 Update on Research and Engagement

The Office of Research and Engagement provides support and strategic direction to faculty, staff and students for research and creative endeavors resulting in scholarship, innovation, community and economic engagement leading to knowledge, student, and regional transformation.

External Funding and Trends

The university has started off the first quarter of FY22 on a strong note. Both awards and submissions are up over this same time period last year.

	7-1-21 to 9-30-21		7-1-20 to 9-30-20	
SUBMISSIONS	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	126	\$ 39,414,268	122	\$ 37,767,637
AWARDS *	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	127	\$ 27,315,293	122	\$ 25,610,631

* Funded awards may have been submitted in a previous fiscal year.

Accolades

UNCG received multiple national recognitions for excellence this fall.

We previously reported that UNCG’s Center for New North Carolinians (CNNC) won one of the four Association for Public and Land Grant Universities’ (APLU) regional W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards which qualified us to compete for the national award. The CNNC supports access and integration for immigrants and refugees in NC by bridging newcomer populations with existing communities through direct service provision, research, and training. *We are so pleased to report that we are the winner of the 2021 national C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award, presented at the November annual APLU meeting.*

The International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) just recognized **Dr. Marianne LeGreco**, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies with that national public scholarship award. She was recognized for her work grounded in community-engaged approaches to building communication infrastructure around food. Her scholarship is multi modal—from TED Talks to books published with academic presses—bringing attention to issues of food insecurity and community responses to food justice. Her work has helped change policies at the city and county level, created food councils at the county level, and shifted the focus from individual behaviors around food practices to social determinants and barriers within our food systems.

The Principal Preparation for Excellence and Equity in Rural Schools (PPEERS) program was awarded the 2021 Exemplary Educational Leadership Program (EELP) award from the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA). UCEA is a consortium of higher education institutions that has focused on excellence in leadership research and preparation for over five decades. Led by **Dr. Kimberly Kappler-Hewitt**, Associate Professor in the School of Education, PPEERS is a research-practice partnership of 11 rural districts that launched in 2016 and serves to recruit, select, prepare, and place school leaders for high-needs rural schools in the greater Piedmont area. In May of this year, PPEERS was awarded an additional \$4.5 million grant to continue its work from 2022-2028.

Stanford University recently published a list of the ***top 2% of scientists worldwide*** based citation/publication metrics within their disciplines. UNCG has a number of former as well as current faculty noted for their scholarly productivity across either their career or within 2020. Current faculty include: **Dr. Ramji Bhandari** (Biology); **Dr. DiAnne Borders** (Counseling and Educational Development); **Dr. Cheryl Buehler** (Human Development and Family Studies; HDFS); **Dr. Ang Chen** (Kinesiology); **Dr. Jing Deng** (Computer Science); **Dr. Ben Dyson** (Kinesiology); **Dr. Jennifer Etnier** (Kinesiology); **Dr. Mark Fine** (HDFS); **Dr. Alan Goldfarb** (Kinesiology); **Dr. Alan Kamhi** (Communication Sciences and Disorders); **Dr. Michael Kane** (Psychology); **Dr. John Kiss** (Biology); **Dr. Nir Kshetri** (Management); **Dr. Esther Leerkes** (HDFS); **Dr. Susan Letvak** (Nursing); **Dr. Lynne Lewallen** (Nursing); **Dr. Al Link** (Economics); **Dr. Nicholas Oberlies** (Chemistry/Biochemistry); **Dr. Prashant Palvia** (Information Systems & Supply Chain Management); **Dr. Patricia Reggio** (Chemistry/Biochemistry); **Dr. Mark Rifkin** (English); **Dr. Dale Schunk** (Teacher Education/Higher Education); **Dr. Sandra Shultz** (Kinesiology); **Dr. Paul Silvia** (Psychology); **Dr. Shan Suthaharan** (Computer Science); **Dr. Blair Wisco** (Psychology); **Dr. Zhanxiang Zhou** (Nutrition).



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