



TEAM IMPACT AWARD

Award Description and Eligibility

- **The Team Impact Award** recognizes the critical contributions made by crosscutting, teams in addressing today's complex challenges. Specifically, the award recognizes a team for excellence in innovative and impactful scholarship that either has or soon promises to fundamentally advance knowledge, understanding, and/or applications in ways not achievable by individual investigators or single disciplinary approaches alone.
- Prize: The winning team will receive \$5,000 for application in its research program.
- Eligible teams can be comprised of any disciplines, but must be composed of at least three distinct disciplines or subdisciplines.
- Eligible teams must be comprised of independent faculty each providing complementary interdisciplinary or subdisciplinary expertise, and each of whom has made separate substantive and discrete contributions in a novel manner to the project being recognized.
- Team members may belong to other organizations including academic institutions, and public or private sectors; however, the team must be led by a full-time UGA faculty member and the majority of team members must be from UGA.

Nomination Process

- Nominations must initiate from a UGA faculty member or administrator that is not a member of the team. Teams are encouraged to initiate discussions with potential nominators.
- Nominations will be submitted via the UGA InfoReady submission portal. Detailed instructions for submitting via InfoReady will be communicated at the beginning of Fall semester.
- Final nominations must be submitted to the Office of Research via the UGA InfoReady site by **November 1st**.

Nomination Materials

- All submissions must include the following:
 1. Nomination letter (maximum of two pages) which comprehensively describes the candidate team's novel and significant work that has had, or is demonstrably on the path to leading to far-reaching impact. The letter must specifically outline the team's work and substantive impact and emphasize specific features of the team's efforts that represent innovative, high-functioning teamwork and synergy, and how these features have advanced both the project and their respective field(s). Documentation that directly supports the mentioned accomplishments must be referenced.
 2. A list of all members of the team and their professional titles and affiliations.
 3. A description of each member's role and what specific, enabling expertise they bring to the team (no more than 150 words for each member).
 4. A 2- 3 sentence explanation/description of the team's work and its impact suitable for the general public.

5. Supporting documents, i.e., publications, brochures, examples of innovative teamwork or synergy, etc. (maximum of 5 pages total).

Evaluation and Selection Process

- Nomination packages are reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee of faculty.
- Recommendations are provided to the vice president for research who makes the final selection.

Contact for questions: research-teams@uga.edu

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