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From: Debbie Storrs, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

RE: Research/Creative Activity Assignments for 2024-2025, Due November 15, 2023

Because of the important role of research and creative activity in UNCG's institutional mission, the Research/Creative Activity Assignments Program will continue in 2024-25.

As you engage in your unit review processes and make decisions about the specific proposals you will recommend for approval, please be mindful of the enrollment and retention landscape and corresponding budget challenges we will likely sustain. I anticipate that these circumstances will lead many of you to recommend fewer research/creative activity assignments. I encourage you to achieve cost-neutrality in your recommendations and to sustain student credit hours which can be accomplished by asking other faculty to provide course coverage for their colleagues on research/creative activity assignments.

The Research/Creative Activity Assignments Program is a valuable resource for faculty whose scholarship requires sustained effort, without the competing demands of teaching and service. Accordingly, I encourage you to be creative in finding ways to recommend a limited number of proposals, where appropriate, within the parameters of our fiscal and enrollment realities.

Please submit your 2024-25 research/creative activity assignment recommendations to this [shared folder](#) by November 15 2023. I will make final decisions by or before November 22, 2023.

cc: Alan Boyette, Senior Vice Provost
Terri Shelton, Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement