The University of Georgia Graduate School and the CIRTL@UGA Leadership Team are sponsoring a teaching and learning professional development opportunity for graduate students and postdocs. The primary goal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Mini-Grant program is to provide opportunities for a diverse group of students and postdocs to have mentored experiences to conduct research on teaching and learning in STEM, social and behavioral sciences, and economics fields.

The program is for graduate students and postdocs who are interested in developing their knowledge and skills in teaching, learning, and assessment in higher education. It is intended to help meet the national need to prepare future faculty for the changing needs and expectations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. The program is part of the efforts of the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL, www.cirtl.net) to promote the development of these skills by our future faculty. CIRTL is national consortium of 46 research universities that is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation.

Those selected for this program will participate in group meetings (usually late afternoons/ early evenings on an agreed upon day, once a month) or workshops with fellowships recipients, and/or faculty members to discuss topics related to teaching and learning. **Selected participants will propose and conduct a small teaching research project on a topic they select during the 2016-17 academic year. Funded projects should be completed by May 1, 2017.** Completing this project will take additional time outside of regular meetings. Assistance with projects is provided by a mentor, selected by each participant. Participants will present their research at a campus symposium and are encouraged to disseminate project results on websites, at conferences, and/or in peer-reviewed journals. Each participant will receive a $500 grant to help support project expenses and/or travel to a conference to disseminate findings. In addition, participants are encouraged to participate in online CIRTL seminars and courses (http://www.cirtl.net/courses/main).

To apply, applicants should meet these requirements:

- Enrolled full-time in a UGA graduate degree program, be in good academic standing, and making satisfactory progress toward the degree or have a postdoctoral appointment.
- Have a faculty mentor who is willing to provide guidance on the research design and data collection for the project.
- Submit the following application materials
  - Completed program application form
  - A current C.V.
  - Brief essay (no more than 500 words) that describes the topic for a teaching-learning research project, why you are interested in the scholarship of teaching and learning, your career goals, and how you anticipate that participation in the program will enhance your professional development.

Grants will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panel, are committed to a career involving teaching, have demonstrated academic achievement, and show potential of future achievement as scholars and teachers. **Applications must be submitted on or before August 20, 2016.** For questions regarding the program, contact Judy Milton, 706-542-6086 or jmil@uga.edu, at the Graduate School.