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**SUBJECT:** Virtual Workshop for Curricular Impact Grant Scheduled for April 17

The Office of the Provost invites you to transform your curriculum, have an impact on your students, and offer opportunities for your students to have an impact in the world through Curriculum Impact Grants (CIGs).

For the 2020-2021 cycle, CIGs are looking for teams of faculty, staff, and/or administrators designing innovative multidisciplinary curriculum on either the undergraduate or graduate level. The goal is to help you create scaffolded, intentional programs that incorporate experiential learning and build on the strengths of our faculty across units. We encourage programs that are flexible, expand students’ understanding of local and global challenges, and teach them the tools to address these issues.

Proposals involving any curriculum change that includes Mason Impact (on the undergraduate level) or experiential learning (on the graduate level) are encouraged. Priority in this cycle will be given to programs (majors, minors, and master’s programs) looking to engage with either the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or the National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges for Engineering. Mason has already shown support of these programs through becoming a United Nations Partner, the creation of the Institute for a Sustainable Earth, and creating a National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenge Scholars Program.

Proposals are due Friday, May 29, 2020.

To aid teams in creating proposals, the Undergraduate Education Office will offer online workshops on April 17, 2020, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The workshop will allow teams of faculty and staff time to work on their proposal. During the online workshop, we will cover details about the Curriculum Impact Grant and the Mason Impact and provide teams the time and guidance to build a curriculum impact grant proposal. Acceptance into the workshop is based on a workshop proposal for either an already formed teams or individual faculty, staff, or administrators interested. Fully formed curriculum ideas are not necessary for this workshop.

The workshop is designed with time for teams to talk about their curriculum change ideas. Because of the online format, for already formed groups, we will be creating web spaces to meet and discuss their project with each other and a member of the team. For those interested in the UN Sustainable Development Goals or the Engineering Grand Challenges, we will be creating a webspace for overlapping interests, moderated by a member of the Mason Impact team with the hope that a team of individuals will emerge that will champion a curricular idea.

To register for the workshop, [click here](#).

Sincerely,
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