

Provost Fellows for Faculty Development (PFFD) Program

The Office of the Faculty Professional Development invites applications from full-time academic and research faculty interested in participating in the *Provost Fellows for Faculty Development (PFFD) Program* January 2022 – December 2022.

What is the PFFD Program?

The PFFD Program will bring together a cohort of faculty who will envision and help expand a professional development program at Georgia Tech that supports faculty. The Fellows will learn new skills, such as design thinking, and enhance their own leadership capability while working together to build professional development initiatives that are ***for faculty, by faculty, and about faculty.***

Background: Faculty need many skills beyond teaching and research in order to thrive and flourish. They need to be able to communicate, mentor, manage teams and projects, network, and innovate, among other skills. They may want to grow their knowledge base into new areas that have not previously been part of their research portfolio. The first cohort of PFFD helped to establish the [Office of Faculty Professional Development](#), which was opened in 2021. In addition, many of the fellows of that program went on to establish career and professional programs or initiatives for their colleagues within their schools, colleges, or faculty communities.

What is the Commitment?

The fellows must commit to one year beginning January 2022 through December 2022. We anticipate that the group of fellows will meet biweekly. Fellows will spend this time engaged in learning the processes and mindsets of highly successful, innovative cultures. Through design thinking and design behaviors developed by the Innovation and Design Collaborative @ GT, colloquially known as the “Design Bloc,” faculty will learn and practice new ways in which to approach and refine their work, as well as develop new programs. Using these design methods, they will identify needs within the GT community and develop pilot programs either individually or collectively. Each fellow will receive \$5,000 for program development support and/or to participate in a faculty development activity.

How to Apply?

This program is open to all categories of full-time faculty: tenured, tenure-track, academic professionals, lecturers, librarians, and research faculty including post doctoral fellows. Applications consist of a one-page statement that describes your interest, background, and the way that you see (or want to see) the opportunities and challenges of faculty development at Georgia Tech along with a brief, two-page CV. Applications are due by November 5 to VPGEFD@gatech.edu. Contact Dawn Baunach (dawn.baunach@gatech.edu) with questions.