Summer Research Program
The academic year just started but it’s not too soon to start thinking about your summer plans. Applications to participate in the Summer Student Research Program are due November 1. This program supports students working directly with faculty on Research that Reaches Out projects at the EXPRESS level. If chosen for the program, stipends will be provided for the faculty member and a maximum of 2 students. Students will receive free on-campus housing for the duration of the projects. Planned stipend rates are:

- 5 Week Project: Faculty ($2,500); Students ($1,750)
- 10 Week Project: Faculty ($5,000) Students ($3,500)

Applications for Summer 2017 can be found here. If you’d like to get feedback on your application before you officially submit, contact Dr. Bridget Trogden.

Visionary Student Panel
Applications have been rolling in for the Visionary Student Panel on October 11 & 12. There’s still time for your students to take advantage of this opportunity to make their work public. If students are working on projects pertaining to a local, national, or global issue, encourage them to apply. Students wishing to participate should submit an application by September 23rd.

Project Funding
The first deadline for project support applications has passed. Faculty will be notified shortly of the status of their request. The next round of Semester Project Support applications are due December 1.

If you’d like to discuss project ideas and/or applications before you submit, contact Dr. Bridget Trogden.

“You are what you do, not what you say you’ll do.” –C.G. Jung
Affinity Groups
Affinity Groups will continue in the 2016-2017 Academic Year. These groups are designed to connect faculty, staff, and students with common interests in cross-disciplinary areas. You can find the list of Affinity Groups [here](#). To join a group, fill out the form on our website and submit to Judy Wilbanks.

QEP Module for UNV 101
For those faculty leading a section of UNV, don’t forget that the QEP/Grand Challenges module should be delivered to your students during the week of Sept 19 – 23. Your PA has the presentation and has been equipped to deliver it.

Project Spotlight
Shoe Box Labs – Dr. Chamaree de Silva & Dr. Jeff Pullen
This summer Dr. Chamaree de Silva, Dr. Jeff Pullen, and their students Brent Lunsford and Andrew Wilzman collaborated with faculty members at Central High School to create “Shoe Box Labs.” In response to the lack of sufficient science funding in Macon public schools, the team developed low-cost mobile labs and hands-on activities for high school students studying math and physics. The research team worked with Central High School faculty to understand the current needs of the school and built labs and activities designed to complement the school curriculum. Mercer students built the labs, wrote lab manuals to accompany them, and visited the school to perform demonstrations on how to effectively use the labs. At the conclusion of their project, the labs were donated to the school.