

## UWG QEP Topic Submission

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***QEP topics should be submitted using this form and address each question below:***

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| 1) What QEP topic are you submitting? (5-10 words)  |
| Undergraduate Learning through Research and Creative Engagement   |
| 2) What is UWG currently doing in this area relative to student learning?   |
| Undergraduate research and creative activities contribute to learning quality, retention, and quality of the campus experience. UWG currently has events that give prestige and experience in presenting undergraduate research through Big Night. Individual colleges have offered research opportunities though the current change in the COAS has eliminated a major source. The VPAA office offers travel funding for undergraduate research and conference travel. Individual departments have been able to secure funding through faculty initiatives and donations. Nevertheless, undergraduate research and creative engagement is not a university wide initiative that is systemically built into learning. |
| 3) How does this topic relate to the UWG strategic plan and/or assessment data?   |
| Undergraduate research is consistent with the first stated guiding principal, "Academic Programs Balancing Liberal Arts with Professional Preparation" and indirectly related to the other three principals. Undergraduate research and creative engagement will contribute to experiential learning in Goal 1, graduate enrollment in Goal 3, campus cultural activities in Goal 5, retention of students in Goal 7, engaging the community through campus recreation and civic engagement in Goal 12.   |

Topic submissions will be posted to [www.westga.edu/qep](http://www.westga.edu/qep)

Please submit all topic ideas (no later than Oct 1, 2010), to [qep@westga.edu](mailto:qep@westga.edu)