

# Student Academic Success Initiative (SASI)

- The Student Academic Success Initiative (SASI) is a program that was started to encourage student engagement within the academic community and to foster faculty-student interactions outside of the classroom.
- Each year, between 30-40 proposals totaling approximately \$60,000 are funded by SASI.
- Submissions
  - 45 submissions
  - Requesting: \$105,659
- Funding for 2026-2027
  - 34 recipients
  - Totaling: \$55,110

Project Title	PI	Department	Amount
From Soil to Art: Moss Preservation and Wall Display for Experiential Learning	Anuradha Liyana Pathiranage, Niranga Wickramarathne	Chemistry; Agriculture	700
2026 Fall Chemistry Research Symposium	Leslie Hiatt	Chemistry	300
Empowering Future Educators: Mastering Student Information Management Systems (SIMS) for Effective Classroom Teaching	Donna Short	Teaching and Learning	3750
Prologue: A Welcome Back Event for All Creative Writers/ Epilogue: A Celebration of Creative Writing Achievements	Joanna Grisham	Languages and Literature	2750
Literature Comes Alive! Page to Stage: The LIVE Theater Experience!	Mickey Wadia	Languages and Literature	3000
The PEAY Movement: A Wellness Initiative	Terri Clark, Amanda Estep, Wendell Soares, Stanley Okoro, Richard Brown	Health and Human Performance; School of Nursing; Doctorate of Education	2000
From Molecules to Colors: National Chemistry Week Celebration	Anuradha Pathiranage	Chemistry	500
Experiential Workshops for Field Biology	Jamieson Botsch	Biology	3000

Geoconclave: An Earth and Environmental Sciences Competition and Networking Opportunity	Amanda Stadermann	Earth and Environmental Sciences	3090
Helping Students Present Their Research at the Tennessee Academy of Science Conference	Niranga Wickramaratne	Agriculture	600
Global Governors: APSU India Club Programming for Student Success and Campus Belonging	Soma Banerjee	History and Philosophy	2000
Molecule of the Month: Exploring Organic Chemistry through 3D Molecular Construction	Anuradha Pathiranage, Cody Covington	Chemistry	300
The Datathon: Turning Data into Insights	Fatemeh Shapouri	Management and Marketing	2000
Developing a Student-Built Soil Monolith Collection for Teaching and Program Enhancement	Niranga Wickramaratne	Agriculture	700
Increasing Student Engagement and Performance in Introductory Geology Courses	Daniel Frederick	Earth and Environmental Sciences	2400

From Paperclip to Space Force: A National Security Trip to Huntsville	Simon Rotzer	Institute for National Security and Military Studies; Department of Criminal Justice	1328
Brick or Treat: Lego-Educbrickation Event	Hanrui He, Joanna Zimmerle, Daniel Bailey, Andrea Lee, Bing Xiao	Department of Educational Specialties	1500
Business Gobs Networking Dinner	Terry Damron, Eren Cifci, Jennifer Thayer, Matthew Farrell	Management and Marketing; Accounting, Finance, and Economics	1728
Students and Scholars: An Immersive Marketing Conference Experience	Terry Damron	Management and Marketing	1027
Innovative Practices in Education: Bridging Theory and Practice	Donna Short	Teaching and Learning	2250
Fostering Faculty-Student Engagement Through Simulation-Based Advanced Assessment Training	Amy Black	Nursing	1200
Pre-Semester Chemistry Boot Camp	Cody Covington	Chemistry	900
APSU Music Education Students to Attend TMEA Conference	Michael Chandler	Music	1800
Immersive Virtual Reality for Collaborative Student Engagement in Engineering Education	Getachew Ambaye	Engineering Technology	2584
Chemistry NFC Engagement Initiative	Leslie Hiatt	Chemistry	280
Breaking the Ice: Engaging Students with Regional Manufacturing Professionals	Mahesh Pallikonda	Engineering Technology	2150

Field trip to the Department of Agriculture	Heather Tillewein	Health and Human Performance	670
Students Travel to Tennessee Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance Convention	Alex Adams	Health and Human Performance	1728
Using Historical Fiction Novels to Engage Readers	Zachary Barnes, Charles Gonzalez	Teaching and Learning	2500
Praxis Support for GYO Students: Faculty-Led Preparation for Licensure, Persistence, and Success	Amber Button	Office of Teacher Education and Partnerships	2000
Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association Conference Student Experience (TMTA)	Jackie Vogel	Mathematics and Statistics	675
Portable E-Teaching Innovation Stations: Enhancing Student Success through Technology-Integrated Teaching	Bing Xiao	Teaching and Learning	2800
London Multicultural Food and Nursing Socialization Experience	Amy Hamlin	Nursing	900
<b>Total Funded</b>			<b>55110</b>