

**HASAAN:
UP GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

INTRODUCTION

The first part of the System GE Conference were the GE Conversations with the theme *Baon-Bidahan: How did you teach GE X in your CU?* This provided an avenue for sharing among the faculty on their experiences and strategies during the pandemic semesters, as well as the opportunities and challenges they encountered.

As the GE Conference aimed to not only reflect on teaching GE in times of crisis, but also to rearticulate the relevance of the GE philosophy, and to reinvigorate the teaching and learning of GE, the GE conversations must contribute to the further development of the GE program, including the instructional materials, course content, and delivery. In doing so, the GE Framework states that *“the development of teaching and learning resources for each course shall be a collaborative effort among faculty members in the different constituent universities (CUs) who are teaching the same GE course.”*

In consonance with this, we would like to invite faculty members to be part of the continuing efforts to improve/enhance the GE program. We are encouraging the units to propose workshop series or any activities that would facilitate the review of the content and delivery of a GE course.

What types of projects can be proposed?

Proposals on the following themes can be submitted:

- 1) Course redesign
- 2) Development of learning resources
- 3) Faculty development

Course redesign refers to updating of the syllabus and components of the course pack.

Development of learning resources refers to the creation or development of video resources, podcasts, digital textbooks, tutorials, and other types of learning resources.

Faculty development refers to training of GE faculty, mentoring (including peer mentoring schemes), course team building, and the like.

Proposals should have the following scope:

- a) The project focus should be one of the 11 common GE courses, or a GE course intended to be offered across the UP System as a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)¹; or
- b) The project should be a collaboration between two or more CUs.

¹MOOC is defined as a “model of educational delivery” with it being “massive” means enrolment is limitless, “open” anyone can join in the classes, “online”, courses are taken and done through the internet, and “course”, which involves a number of classes with and course guides to meet particular learning goals for students (Educause Learning Initiative, 2013). MOOC is the latest global effort to make formal and non-formal education accessible to a vast audience, delivering information through innovative communication technologies.

Who can submit proposals?

Proponents can be any of the following:

- Departments/Institutes/Programs offering GE courses
- GE Centers/Committees
- GE faculty course teams (interdisciplinary or inter-CU)

What to submit?

Filled out [proposal form](#).

What is the project duration?

The project should end by 31 December 2021. Funds should be liquidated/obligated by 31 December 2021.

What is the project budget?

Project budget should not exceed PhP 200,000.00. Indicate in the line item budget the classification of funds as either PS or MOOE. Funding for capital outlay/equipment not allowed.

When and where should proposals be submitted?

Proposals should be submitted to the CU GE Committee/Center on or before 16 August 2021.

Submit proposals to the CU GE Committee/Center via email. File should be named accordingly: CU_GE Program Proposal_Course name

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What is the procedure for submitting proposals?

- 1) Proposals will be reviewed by the CU GE committee/center to check that it complies with the scope. If yes, then the proposal is endorsed to the System TWG on GE Implementation for final review.
- 2) CU-endorsed proposals will be reviewed by the TWG on GE Implementation.
- 3) Proponents of different proposals for the same GE course will be requested to collaborate to come up with one integrated proposal.