Grand Challenge Scholars Program
Application & Curricular Plan (2019+)

**Note:** Annual progress ‘check-ins’ with GCSP faculty mentors to help make adjustments to your plan as you go. Be sure to sit down with a GCSP mentor to help plan this initial application document before submitting online to Moodle.

5 GC Competencies:
Each GC Scholar Apprentice must develop a Curricular Plan which satisfactorily addresses each of the following competencies. Each GCSP Apprentice must complete at least **one of the five competencies at a Level 3** and **at most one at a Level 1**.

1) **Talent Competency:** mentored research / creative experience on a Grand Challenge-like topic

Your plan should include one of the following:

- Level 1: GC theme-related freshman design project and course(s)
- Level 2: GC theme-related senior design project and course(s)
- Level 3: ______ 150 hours faculty-supervised GC-related research* OR
  - GC-related Internship Experience* OR
  - GC-related REU Program*

*To complete this competency, students must also participate in one of the below, that summarizes their work:

- A poster/presentation at a scholarly meeting OR
- A peer-reviewed technical publication

Additional information: ________________________________________________________________
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2) **Multidisciplinary Competency:** *understanding multidisciplinarity of engineering systems, solutions developed through personal engagement*

Should include a satisfactory completion of either:

_______ Living With The Lab or Living with Cyber Freshman Engineering Curriculum and corresponding integrated mathematics (MATH 240, 241, 242) and science (CHEM 100, CHEM101, PHYS 201) courses as required by the major

OR

_______ Integrated Science Curriculum (all math, chemistry, biology and physics courses, including labs, required by the major)

AND *one* of the following courses (or suggest one of your own):

_______ BISC 470 – Bioethics
_______ BLAW 255 – Legal Environment of Business
_______ HNRS 110 – Foundations of Sociological Thought
_______ HNRS 114 – Foundations of Geographic Thought
_______ HNRS 212 – Foundations of American Political Thought

Suggested alternative: ______________________________

3) **Viable Business/Entrepreneurship Competency:** *understanding, preferably developed though experience, of the necessity of a viable business model for solution implementation*

Your plan should include one of the following:

_______ Level 1: ___ Enter the Top Dawg Idea Pitch and complete through Investor Deck preparation

___ Complete *one* of the following courses:

_______ ENTR 430 - Innovative Product Design
_______ ENTR 460 – Innovative Venture Research

_______ Level 2: Top Dawg up through Preliminary Round Participation

_______ Level 3: _____ Top Dawg Final Round Participation OR

_______ ENTR 430 - Innovative Product Design AND ENTR 460 – Innovative Venture Research

_______ Level ___: Your proposed idea, please include additional writeup (no more than \( \frac{1}{2} \) page) and proposed Level of completion. Level proposed can be 2 or 3
4) **Multicultural Competency:** understanding different cultures, preferably through multicultural experiences, to ensure cultural acceptance of proposed engineering solutions

For any Level 2 or 3 activity, students must submit a justification of how their activity meets the goals of the Multicultural Competency. Activities may include:

Your plan should include one of the following (please specify the **program** and **quarter** pursued):

________ Level 1: ______ GEOG 205 - Cultural Geography OR
________ HNRS 114 - Foundations of Geographic Thought

AND **one** of the following courses (for Level 1):

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________ Level 2: ______ An internship with a significant global focus and GC theme OR
________ A research experience with a significant global focus and GC theme

________ Level 3: ______ A Louisiana Tech University Study Abroad Program with a GC theme OR
________ An approved international study program with a GC theme OR
________ A Bulldogs without Borders project (sustained contribution of a year or more)

________ Level ___: Your proposed idea, please include additional writeup (no more than ½ page) and proposed Level of completion. Level proposed can be 2 or 3
5) **Social Consciousness Competency**: understanding that the engineering solutions should primarily serve people and society reflecting social consciousness

Activities may include:

A sustained contribution of one or more years as one of the following. You may suggest your own Level 1 activity working with faculty mentor for input.

- Level 2: A Supplemental Instruction tutor OR
- A BARC tutor OR
- A Freshman Engineering Help Desk worker

- Level 3: A Bulldogs without Borders project OR
- A Louisiana Tech Engineering and Science Association (LTESA) service project(s) OR
- E&S Magazine Staff OR

Level ___: Your proposed idea, please include additional writeup (no more than ½ page) and proposed Level of completion. Level proposed can be 1, 2 or 3

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**NOTES**

1) Please note that most courses and co-curricular activities cannot satisfy more than one competency. In some cases, a broad activity with significant engagement in different areas may be used to satisfy more than one. Please work with your mentor and/or the GCSP Steering Committee for guidance in these instances.

2) **Curricular Connectivity** – When possible, the submitted plan should reflect one of the four themes of the Grand Challenges:
   - Sustainability
   - Health
   - Joy of Living
   - Security / Reducing vulnerability to human & natural threats

Questions about the **Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science GCSP**?

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