



## May 2024 News and Updates

### Discovering Data in Your Daily Life

#### Data Nexus 2024-2025 Theme – Data in Our Local Community

We will be running a range of programs over the 2024-2025 to align with the community chosen theme. If you have any suggestions, we encourage you to reach out to [DataNexus@elon.edu](mailto:DataNexus@elon.edu).

#### Datafest 2024

Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Cennydd Bowles kicked off the Elon's Inaugural Datafest with a keynote talk on AI and Ethics. The weekend was full of data initiatives with 30 students participating in the American Statistical Association Data Challenge, 6 alumni returning to serve as mentors and judges for the challenge, and concluding with an AI Toolfest. There were winning teams in Best in Show, Best Data Visualization, and Best Use of External Data.



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#### Data Intensive Designated Courses

There are currently 22 Data Intensive Designated Courses in the Academic Catalog. A list of approved Data Intensive Designated courses can be found on Ontrack under Course Type and can also be found on the Data Nexus website under Student Resources. **Keep the applications coming!** The Data Nexus Faculty advisory committee reviews applications every month.

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#### Data profiles

Data Nexus is encouraging Faculty and Staff to participate in our Data Profile initiative. This initiative is meant to support as a collaborative data-driven projects. Submitting your data profile is easy, includes discussing data-driven projects that you are already working on and projects that you would like to find a collaborator on whether faculty, staff, or student. [Submit](#) your data profile TODAY!

<b>Example</b> <b>Current Projects:</b> Working on Projects related to Quantitative Data and Gerrymandering <b>Collaboration:</b> Looking for faculty or students who would like to start a working group on Gerrymandering



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### **Faculty Grants**

Data Nexus is awarding faculty grants. Data Nexus grants support small-scale data-initiatives designed to enhance student engagement and learning or professional development opportunities to advance your own teaching practice. Grants can be used for:

- course-related student engagement, and can be used to fund materials or experiences for data-intensive engaged learning, or
- individual, group, or departmental professional development for data-intensive pedagogy (group or departmental professional development might include funding for a reading group, online workshop, for example)

Small grants of up to \$1000 support start-up and one-time expenses (materials, stipends, workshops, and so on), but do not cover ongoing operational costs. The Data Nexus Director is also willing to consult with you about other sources of possible funding for ongoing projects.

**Apply Today!**