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I. Position Announcement
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Department Head of Nutritional Sciences

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) at the University of Georgia (UGA) is launching a search and seeking nominations and applications for candidates for the Department Head of Nutritional Sciences (NUTR).

The Department Head will inspire an expansive vision for the future and effectively interact with a constituency that includes academic, government, industry, alumni, and students. This position requires strong leadership capabilities, the ability to secure research and development funding, and it is expected that the successful candidate will lead the faculty and its programs to a higher level of excellence.

The ideal candidate will have:

• A proven record of scholarly achievement, clear and convincing evidence of leadership and administrative effectiveness, and a commitment to excellence in research, undergraduate and graduate education, and public service.
• Demonstrated leadership at a management level including, program development and accredited programs.
• Evidence of a national and/or international reputation in a substantive area of the discipline and strengths of the department.
• Excellent leadership, interpersonal, communication, and managerial skills.

UGA, College and Department:

The University of Georgia, a land-grant and sea-grant university with statewide commitments and responsibilities is the state’s oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education. UGA is consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report. The University’s main campus is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses in Atlanta, Griffin, Gwinnett, and Tifton. UGA was founded in 1785 by the Georgia General Assembly as the first state-chartered University in the country. UGA employs approximately 1,800 full-time instructional faculty and more than 7,700 full-time staff. The University’s enrollment exceeds 40,000 students including over 30,000 undergraduates and approximately 10,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 18 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens. As one of the top public universities in the nation, UGA offers a culture of academic excellence and opportunity made all the richer by our renowned faculty, diverse community of scholar-citizens, and vibrant student life program. Additional information about UGA is available at http://www.uga.edu/.

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is committed to student success, holistic development and inclusive perspective taking. FACS develops leaders who focus on the science and art of helping individuals live well in a complex society. In the nearly 100 years since its founding, the College has grown and now comprises four departments, one institute, several research labs and centers. Additional information about FACS may be found at: https://www.fcs.uga.edu/

The Department of Nutritional Sciences has approximately 379 undergraduate and 63 graduate students who prepare for a career in health care, education, industry, or government. Undergraduate programs include: Nutritional Sciences, Dietetics, Culinary Science and Nutrition, and FACS Education. The department’s graduate program is ranked in the top 25 programs in the nation, where students have a wealth of research opportunities and the ability to study in clinical, basic science, culinary science or community-based nutrition education areas. The department is staffed by 24 faculty members who have interdisciplinary (clinical and translational) research concentrations in the following areas: skeletal health; obesity and related disorders, genetics and metabolism, nutrition and neuroscience; impact of nutrients on
growth, development and aging; bioactive compounds and health; gastrointestinal neurophysiology and community nutrition. Faculty with Extension and Outreach appointments couple their scholarly work with delivery of evidence-based educational programs. Additional information about the department may be found at: https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn.

Summary of Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Provide outstanding leadership and administrative oversight, understand complex finance and budgetary information, handle sensitive personnel matters, and provide effective and responsible management of available resources;
- Recruit, mentor and advance faculty and staff through the steps of appointment, reappointment, promotion and tenure, and support recognition appropriate to position and rank, thereby building a high quality and cohesive faculty;
- Serve as a strong advocate for the unit, actively engaging faculty, alumni and donors; provide intentional and active leadership to initiatives and work collaboratively with external relations to maximize the visibility and the reputation of the unit;
- Report annually to the Dean on the teaching, research and public service programs of the unit including assessments of the performance of faculty members in the department, giving special attention to quality in areas of assigned responsibilities in teaching, research and public service;
- Build relationships with disciplinary professionals, agencies, and associations in the state, region, and nationally;
- Communicate and work effectively and collegially with individuals on and off campus;
- Build on existing strengths in the College and UGA including the ASPIRE Clinic, entrepreneurship, data literacy and communications skill development initiatives.
- Foster innovation and entrepreneurship while building consensus for new initiatives and ideas;
- Develop a collegial environment committed to inclusiveness, affirmative action, and diversity and foster an environment of shared governance; and
- Appreciate and respect the various disciplines and missions of the College.

The Department Head reports directly to the Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences with annual reviews and third year administrative reviews informed by the faculty of the unit. The Department Head is a member of a College leadership team committed to the integration of the missions of research, instruction, and extension and outreach in a research land-grant institution.

The position is a nine-month academic year appointment with administrative and summer months’ salary supplement while serving as Department Head. Time allocation is 60-70% administration and 30-40% research or teaching, to be determined based on the interests and strengths of the candidate and fit with the needs of the unit at the time of hire.

Required Qualifications:

- All candidates must have an earned doctorate in Nutritional Sciences, Foods and Nutrition, or a related area.
- Internal candidates must be a full professor with tenure by the effective date of the appointment.
- External candidates must be:
  - either a full professor or an associate professor with five years of experience to qualify for appointment at the rank of full professor, and
  - eligible for tenure upon appointment at the time of hire. To be eligible for tenure upon appointment, candidates must have been tenured at a prior institution and bring a demonstrably national reputation to UGA.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated administrative and organizational skills, as evidenced by successful performance in: personnel management; budget and fiscal management; program planning, management, oversight and evaluation; and resource procurement including grants and contracts.
• Outstanding scholarly achievements and research productivity as well as a record of submitting and obtaining federally-funded grants.
• Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and student mentoring.
• Involvement in pivotal networks in the discipline, such as The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

**SALARY**
Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Applications:** Applicant screening will begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by Wednesday, February 23, 2022; however, screening will continue until the position is filled. The application packet should include a cover letter detailing how the applicant’s credentials and experience meet the needs, responsibilities, and qualifications stated above; a current resume; and contact information for three references (who will not be contacted without further correspondence with the applicant).

All applicants must apply online at [https://www.ugajobsearch.com](https://www.ugajobsearch.com). Please see the job posting at: [https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/233715](https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/233715)

To request a descriptive **Opportunity Profile** for this position, provide a nomination, or seek additional information, please contact Lauren Nelson, Primary Consultant with the UGA Search Group, 706-542-7344 or [Lauren.nelson2@uga.edu](mailto:Lauren.nelson2@uga.edu). Letters of recommendation or a simple nomination should include the name and contact information for the nominee.

*The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. As such, the University of Georgia is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. We not only strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented communities to consider applying for this position, but we also maintain that all candidates should share our commitment to diversity and inclusion. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (HRWeb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.*
II. About the Department of Nutritional Sciences
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The Department of Nutritional Sciences has approximately 379 undergraduate and 63 graduate students who prepare for a career in health care, education, industry, or government. We offer a variety of research opportunities encompassing community, clinical and basic sciences.

SUCCESSFUL CAREERS

We prepare our students for a career in health care, education, industry, or government. Our expertise ranges from public education and outreach to molecular pathways. We offer a variety of research opportunities encompassing community, clinical and basic sciences.

IMPACTFUL RESEARCH

Our research programs aim to positively impact human health and wellbeing throughout all stages of the lifecycle. We offer opportunities for multidisciplinary projects that evaluate basic, clinical and community nutrition, as well as food safety and consumer foods research.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential Learning gives students hands-on opportunities to connect their academic foundations to the world beyond the classroom, through internships, study abroad, faculty-mentored research, service learning, leadership opportunities.

OUTREACH

Our Extension Specialists are nutrition and food safety experts. Our specialists train agents and educators to help Georgians make nutritious food choices and keep food safe based on the latest research.
Undergraduate Programs

The field of **Dietetics** offers many opportunities related to foods and nutrition in health care, management, sports nutrition, schools, business, and industry settings. The majority of clinical dietetics positions are available in hospitals, clinics, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, and private practice. Other opportunities include management of food or nutrition care services in health care facilities, schools or restaurants; public health nutrition; research and/or education in universities, medical centers, and government agencies.

By studying this integrative discipline, the **Nutritional Sciences** Program fulfills pre-med requirements while learning how diet and specific nutrients influence human physiology and disease. This knowledge builds a solid foundation for careers in medicine or a related health science. Students receive specialized instruction in the roles of nutrients in supporting functions of the body and all its parts, from the whole person to the organ systems and their constituent cells. The mission of the FACS Nutritional Sciences faculty is to develop students who will be competitive for admission to graduate degree programs in research, medicine and the allied health sciences.

**Culinary Science and Nutrition** majors examine the functions of ingredients in foods and food products. Students also learn how to conduct analytical evaluation of foods, including color, pH, viscosity, and moisture content. Sensory characteristics (appearance, aroma, taste, flavor, texture) which impact consumer acceptance of food products when ingredients are modified or removed are also examined. Students learn to apply this knowledge to the selection, preparation, and processing of food in commercial and industrial environments.

**Family and Consumer Sciences Education** majors often have multiple teaching offers in the state of Georgia after graduation. FACS Education graduates teach courses in nutrition, parenting, childcare, fashion merchandising, and interior design. Graduates are also employed as educators by government entities, business and industry, or community-based non-profits.
Graduate Programs

Our graduate program is ranked in the top 25 programs in the nation. We attract a high caliber of students from a variety of backgrounds into our graduate programs, which include both master's and doctoral degrees.

- Double Dawgs
- Master of Science Thesis and Non-Thesis
- Master of Science Non-Thesis, Community Nutrition Online
- Master of Science, Dietetic Internship
- Ph.D. Program
- Ph.D./Dietetic Internship Program

Special Programs

Internships, certificates, certifications, and other special programs are available to pursue as part of a graduate degree.

- School Nutrition Director Certification
- Obesity and Weight Management Certificate
- Sports Nutrition Emphasis
- University Teaching Certificate

Student Organizations

- Alumni and Associates of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- UGA Habitat for Humanity Chapter
- Foods and Nutrition Graduate Student Organization (FDN GSO)
- Phi Upsilon Omicron
- Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Dietetic Association (SDA)
RESEARCH & OUTREACH

Our faculty develop and implement programming that makes a real difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Research

Our research programs aim to positively impact human health and wellbeing throughout all stages of the lifecycle. We offer opportunities for multidisciplinary projects that evaluate basic, clinical and community nutrition, as well as food safety and consumer foods research.

- Aging and Nutrition
- Bone Health
- Clinical and Translational
- Community and Public Health
- Community Outreach and Extension
- Food Safety
- Functional Foods (Basic)
- Functional Foods (Consumer)
- Genetics and Metabolism
- Human Nutrition and Performance
- Maternal, Infant and Child (Basic)
- Maternal, Infant and Child (Applied)
- Nutrition and Neuroscience
- Obesity and Related Disorders (Basic)
- Obesity and Related Disorders (Applied)
- Stem Cells/Regenerative Medicine

Outreach

Our nutrition and food safety specialists throughout the state help Georgians to make nutritious food choices and keep food safe based on the latest research. FACS Extension educates families to become healthier, more productive, financially independent, and environmentally responsible throughout the state.

- UGA SNAP-Ed
- EFNEP
- Lose weight: eat right, exercise
- Keep food safe at home
- Handle food safely in foodservice
- Preserve foods
- Prevent and control diseases
- Control your diabetes
- Improve safety of local foods
- Select and prepare healthier food

Study Away

Domestic study tours are in-depth focused learning experiences arranged by faculty and departments. International study gives students a competitive edge for future employment and elevates your experience at UGA. FACS is a leader in offering a variety of international excursions during Maymester and summer which combine cultural and classroom experiences.
LAING HIGHLIGHTED BY ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Faculty member Emma Laing is featured in a new video produced by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics that places a spotlight on members who are "making a great impact on the profession and their community."

Laing, a clinical professor and director of dietetics, discusses her passion for reducing weight stigma in the video that was shown at the opening session of the Academy's 2021 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™. FNCE® is the world’s largest meeting of food and nutrition experts.

For the video, Laing was selected from over 100,000 credentialed practitioners in the United States and abroad to represent both the University of Georgia and registered dietitian nutritionists in the state.

Click here to read the full article.

TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS TO JOIN NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Two new faculty members will join the department of nutritional sciences in January.

Lauren Housley has been hired as an associate clinical professor and Carla Schwan has been hired as an assistant professor and Extension specialist in food safety and home food preservation. Schwan also will serve as director of the National Center for Home Food Preservation.

“We are pleased to welcome two outstanding faculty members to our department,” said Lynn Bailey, department head and Flatt Professor of Nutritional Sciences. “Both of them bring impressive credentials and are ideally qualified to direct our graduate dietetic internship program and provide leadership to our research-based food safety and home food preservation Extension program.”

Click here to read the full article.

ZVONKOVIC NAMED DEAN OF COLLEGE OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Anisa M. Zvonkovic, an academic leader with a distinguished record of promoting student success and impactful research and outreach, has been named dean of the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Zvonkovic is currently the Harold H. Bate Distinguished Professor and dean of the College of Health and Human Performance at East Carolina University. Her appointment at UGA is effective July 1, 2022.

“I am pleased that Dr. Zvonkovic will join the University of Georgia as the next dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences,” said President Jere W. Morehead. “Given her many accomplishments in expanding research capacity and enriching other aspects of the institutions she has served, I am confident the future of FACS will be very bright under her leadership.”

Click here to read the full article.
About the College of Family and Consumer Sciences

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) is committed to student success, holistic development and inclusive perspective taking. FACS develops leaders who focus on the science and art of helping individuals live well in a complex society. FACS students have access to internships, scholarships, service learning, study away programs, research, career development and student organizations. The College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) at the University of Georgia embraces a commitment to diversity by modeling for the state and nation a community of individuals and programs which seek to reduce prejudice, disparities, and discrimination and build a supportive environment for all.

MISSION:

At UGA's College of Family and Consumer Sciences our mission is to advance the well-being of diverse individuals and families over their life span and strengthen communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, development of professionals, and provision of research-based programs.

Click here to review the 2020–2025 FACS Strategic Plan.
BY THE NUMBERS
- 1,708 undergraduate students
- 260 graduate/professional students
- 109 Faculty
- 18,000+ living alumni
- 92% placement rate after graduation
- 11 majors that prepare students for global leadership opportunities
- 30+ Double Dawgs® options
- $200K in scholarships given annually to undergraduate and graduate students

STUDENT CENTERED
We care about our students and their success. The dean, academic advisors, faculty, staff and alumni help students work toward their academic, personal and career goals.

ACCREDITATION
FACS programs are accredited, endorsed or aligned with industry best practices such as the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Apparel and Footwear Association/YMA, the National Retail Federation, the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

CAREERS
FACS offers expertise in:
- Medicine and healthcare
- Education
- Business
- Law and policy
- Fashion
- Nutrition
- Financial planning

INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION
Through a variety of classes across the college and campus, FACS students are able to understand their major and intended career in an interdisciplinary and integrated context.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
FACS focuses on applied learning. Students can choose between internships, fellowships, service learning, study always, and research. These opportunities allow our students to learn about their majors and future careers in a different context. The FACS Legislative Aide Internship Program, for example, allows students to spend a spring semester working with Georgia legislators during the Georgia General Assembly for course credit and a $4,000 stipend.
DEPARTMENTS

Nutritional Sciences
We prepare students for a career in health care, education, industry, or government. Our expertise ranges from public education and outreach to molecular pathways. We offer a variety of research opportunities encompassing community, clinical and basic sciences.

Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics
Leading-edge teaching, research, and outreach improves economic and financial well-being for families and individuals and communities. We prepare future leaders and entrepreneurs.

Human Development and Family Science
Our students work in communities across Georgia and beyond, doing parent education, planning programs for youth, working in hospitals with medically fragile children, and helping families make choices that improve their lives.

Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors
Prepare for a career in retail, residential interior design, or manufacturing. Our expertise ranges from merchandising and design to polymer, fiber, and textile science. We offer internships, education abroad, research, and service learning.

Institute on Human Development and Disability
IHDD works with people who have disabilities and others, to ensure that all people can achieve their highest capacity and quality of life.
In the nearly 100 years since its founding, the college has grown and now comprises four departments, one institute, several research labs and centers.

- FACS was first established as the Division of Home Economics at UGA when in 1919 Mary E. Creswell became both the first home economics graduate and the first female to graduate from UGA.
- A bequest of $120,000 from Dr. William Terrell Dawson was invested in a new three-story brick building for the college in 1933.
- Our legacy spans 7 deans and 20,000 living alumni.

Origins

The roots of the present-day College of Family and Consumer Sciences date back to 1918 and the admittance of the first female undergraduates at the University of Georgia. As part of an effort to meet the growing demand for home economists who were working throughout Georgia as a part of Cooperative Extension, these young women were admitted to the Division of Home Economics, which was then a part of the College of Agriculture. In 1931, the Division of Home Economics and the Department of Home Economics at the Georgia State Teachers’ College were merged into the UGA School of Home Economics, which became the College of Home Economics in 1978. In 1990, the College of Home Economics was changed to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences as part of a nationwide trend to better reflect the field of study.

Growth

In the nearly 100 years since its founding, the college has grown and now comprises four departments, one institute, several research labs and centers. Each department offers undergraduate, master’s and PhD degrees. The college has long enjoyed a reputation of being student centered while also producing internationally recognized research and outreach programs.
UGA Family and Consumer Sciences outreach, resources, and programs help improve the quality of life for individuals and families in Georgia. We provide training, disseminate research-based publications, and link families, businesses and communities to university faculty and resources.

Help Topics

**FOOD**: We provide research-based information to help individuals and their families live healthier, happier lives through maintaining a nutritious and active lifestyle.

**HOME**: We teach about water and energy conservation, reducing waste, buying or renting a home and improving the indoor environment.

**FAMILY**: We are human development and family life specialists in Georgia who use the latest research to help children, teens, adults, and families thrive.

**TEXTILES**: Here you’ll find useful information on fibers and textiles, including recommendations for care and a wide array of solutions to common textile disasters.

**HEALTH**: We are specialists in nutrition, food safety, child development, housing, and other areas who help you keep individuals and families healthy.

**MONEY**: Our financial capability programs are designed to help consumers plan their spending to meet their needs, wants and goals today and in the future.
Help Services

Funded since 1969 by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and delivered through the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, the **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (UGA EFNEP)** offers practical nutrition and physical activity information, food safety education, food resource management strategies, and recipe demonstrations within community settings throughout the state.

The **University of Georgia Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (UGA SNAP-Ed)** is a USDA funded nutrition education and obesity prevention interventions to eliminate diet- and physical activity-related health disparities among low-income Georgians. Since reestablished in 2013, UGA SNAP-Ed has been providing evidence-based multilevel interventions including direct education, eLearning, social marketing, and policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change interventions across the state.

The **Aspire Clinic** is a unique resource that provides holistic counseling and education services to UGA and the Athens community.

At the ASPIRE Clinic, we believe that problems don’t exist in isolation. When there is a struggle in one area of our lives, other things are likely impacted too. We offer an array of services that include individual, couple, and family therapy, financial counseling and education, nutrition counseling and education, and also legal problem solving. All of our collaborative services can help you feel a greater sense of wholeness and happiness.

The **Child Development Lab at McPhaul Center** provides developmentally appropriate programs on a full-day basis for children ages 8 weeks to 5 years of both University and community families.

Our Purposes:
- To provide educational opportunities for University students through observation and interaction with young children and their families
- To foster research and professional inquiry that makes significant contributions to the field of early childhood education and child development
- To provide quality, developmentally appropriate programming for young children, which includes fostering their sense of belonging and membership, nurturing positive social relationships and friendships, and facilitating their learning to reach their full potential.

The Couples and Relationship Enrichment Laboratory, or **CARE Lab**, focuses on understanding what promotes healthy couple relationships across diverse populations. We also create, implement and evaluate research-informed programs that support individuals and couples in developing and sustaining healthy relationships.
III.
About the University of Georgia
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THE BIRTHPLACE OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN AMERICA

Chartered by the state of Georgia in 1785, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of public higher education in America — launching our nation’s great tradition of world-class education for all. What began as a commitment to inspire the next generation grows stronger today through global research, hands-on experiential learning and extensive outreach. One of America’s “Public Ivies” and a top 10 best value in public higher education, the University of Georgia tackles some of the world’s grand challenges — from combating infectious disease and securing the world’s food supply to advancing economic growth and analyzing the environment.

As Georgia’s flagship institution, the university is recognized for its commitment to student excellence, particularly through an emphasis on rigorous learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom, hands-on research, and leadership opportunities. These experiences contribute to the university’s exceptional retention, graduation and career-placement rates. Our students have earned more than 50 Rhodes, Marshall, Truman and other prestigious national academic scholarships over just the past decade.

Scholars at the University of Georgia are committed to improving the quality of life for all and lead discovery in pivotal fields such as vaccine development, biomedical research, cybersecurity, and plant sciences. One of the nation’s top universities for technology commercialization and licensing income, the University of Georgia has invented nearly 600 commercial products currently in the marketplace. The university is also home to the Peabody Awards, the most prestigious prize in electronic media. With its comprehensive reach, the university’s 18 colleges and schools enroll 38,000 students and
have produced over 305,000 alumni living worldwide. The University of Georgia’s initiatives extend globally while touching every
corner of the state, realizing the university’s land-grant and sea-grant missions. The university’s eight Public Service and Outreach
units, which are among the strongest in the nation, help create jobs, develop leaders and address critical challenges. Research,
outreach and extension serve as major drivers of economic and workforce development and spark successful partnerships that
create new businesses and train the workforce of tomorrow. The university’s threefold teaching, research and service mission spans
the globe with campuses in five Georgia locations, Washington, D.C., England, and Italy, as well as partnerships in more than 50
countries on six continents.

THE VISION

“The University of Georgia
seeks to be one of the foremost
public research universities in
the world.”

Located in the Classic City of Athens, approximately an hour northeast of
Atlanta, the university thrives in a community that promotes the benefits of a
culture-rich college town with a strong economic center. The campus is home
to more than 700 registered student and service organizations. The
university’s athletic programs are among the most successful in NCAA Division
I and the 21 varsity athletic teams compete as Georgia Bulldogs, with “Uga”
consistently ranking as one of the nation’s most recognized mascots. In 2016,
the university showcased a contingent of 37 current and former student-
athletes and coaches who participated in the Olympic and Paralympic Games
in Rio.

At the University of Georgia, it’s more than a mission. It’s a commitment we
make to our students, the state of Georgia and the world.

The University of Georgia, a
land-grant and sea-grant
university with statewide
commitments and
responsibilities, is the state's
oldest, most comprehensive,
and most diversified
institution of higher
education. Its motto, "to
teach, to serve, and to inquire
into the nature of things,"
reflects the University’s
integral and unique role in the
conservation and
enhancement of the state's
and nation's intellectual,
cultural, and environmental
heritage.

The University of Georgia shares with the other research universities of the University System of Georgia the following
core characteristics:

- a statewide responsibility and commitment to excellence and academic achievements having national and
  international recognition;
- a commitment to excellence in a teaching/learning environment dedicated to serve a diverse and well-prepared
  student body, to promote high levels of student achievement, and to provide appropriate academic support
  services;
- a commitment to excellence in research, scholarship, and creative endeavors that are focused on organized
  programs to create, maintain, and apply new knowledge and theories; that promote instructional quality and
  effectiveness; and that enhance institutionally relevant faculty qualifications;
- a commitment to excellence in public service, economic development, and technical assistance activities designed to address the strategic needs of the state of Georgia along with a comprehensive offering of continuing education designed to meet the needs of Georgia's citizens in life-long learning and professional education;
- a wide range of academic and professional programming at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

With its statewide mission and core characteristics, the University of Georgia endeavors to prepare the University community and the state for full participation in the global society of the twenty-first century. Through its programs and practices, it seeks to foster the understanding of and respect for cultural differences necessary for an enlightened and educated citizenry. It further provides for cultural, ethnic, gender, and racial diversity in the faculty, staff, and student body. The University is committed to preparing the University community to appreciate the critical importance of a quality environment to an interdependent global society.

As a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant institution, the University of Georgia offers baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees in the arts, humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences, agricultural and environmental sciences, business, ecology, environmental design, family and consumer sciences, forest resources, journalism and mass communication, education, law, pharmacy, public health, social work, and veterinary medicine.

The University attracts students nationally and internationally as well as from within Georgia. It offers the state's broadest array of possibilities in graduate and professional education, and thus a large minority of the student body is post-baccalaureate. The predominantly Georgian undergraduate student body is a mix of highly qualified students originally admitted as freshmen and selected transfer students principally from other University System institutions.

With original scholarship, basic and applied research, and creative activities constituting an essential core from which to draw, the impact of the land-grant and sea-grant mission is reflected throughout the state. Cooperative extension, continuing education, public service, experiment stations, and technology transfer are all designed to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Georgia through their roles in economic, social, and community development.

As it has been historically, the University of Georgia is responsive to the evolution of the state's educational, social, and economic needs. It aspires through its strategic planning to even closer contact and interaction with public and private institutions throughout the state as well as with the citizens it serves.
KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

Preventing Students to Lead

- Advanced experiential learning initiative
- Expanded CURO assistantship program
- Launched faculty hiring initiative to reduce class sizes
- Achieved record high retention and graduation rates

Tackling Grand Challenges

- Established signature research themes
- Introduced faculty hiring initiative in informatics
- Broke ground on Center for Molecular Medicine
- Initiated plans to boost graduate and professional education

Fulfilling Our Promise to Serve

- Generated an estimated economic impact of $4.4 billion
- Created certification program for economic developers
- Planned UGA’s first-ever community leadership conference
- Forged partnerships to advance campus sustainability
Jere W. Morehead became the University of Georgia’s 22nd President on July 1, 2013. Prior to becoming President, he served UGA in many key administrative roles, including Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Vice President for Instruction, and Associate Provost and Director of the Honors Program.

President Morehead is the Meigs Professor of Legal Studies in the Terry College of Business, where he has held a faculty appointment since 1986. He is a co-author of several books and book chapters, including The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business, and he has published scholarly articles on legal topics ranging from export controls to jury selection. He has served as editor-in-chief of the American Business Law Journal and previously held several other editorial board positions with the ABLJ.

President Morehead has received several university-wide teaching awards, including the Josiah Meigs Award—UGA’s highest honor for teaching excellence—the Richard B. Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the Teacher of the Year Award in the Terry College of Business, and the Lothar Tresp Outstanding Honors Professor Award. He also received the Distinguished Service Scroll Award, the Law School Alumni Association’s highest honor, and has been included in Georgia Trend’s list of Most Influential Georgians for three consecutive years.

President Morehead has received his law degree (J.D.) from the University of Georgia in 1980 and served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the Department of Justice from 1980 to 1986.

“The state of the University of Georgia is strong and growing stronger. Our future is bright and boundless. In the years ahead—joined in deed and purpose—we will write the next chapter in the amazing story of our institution, and it will be a chapter—like those written before—that reveals the transformative power of the Bulldog Nation.”

- President Jere Morehead

2020 State of the University Address
Dr. S. Jack Hu, was named Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in 2019. In this role, he oversees instruction, research, public service and outreach, and information technology at the University of Georgia. The vice presidents of these four areas report to him, as do the deans of UGA’s 18 schools and colleges and the campus dean of the Augusta University/UGA Medical Partnership. The Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and Strategic University Initiatives, as well as associate provosts for academic fiscal affairs, academic programs, faculty affairs, global engagement, the Honors Program, and the libraries, also report to him.

Prior to his appointment at UGA, Hu was Vice President for Research at the University of Michigan, where he oversaw a research enterprise that generates annual expenditures exceeding $1.5 billion and spans the university’s campuses in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint. As Vice President for Research, he promoted interdisciplinary research, developed and implemented research policy, provided central administrative services in support of faculty research, innovation, and economic outreach, and managed activities related to research compliance and the responsible conduct of research. He previously served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education in the U-M College of Engineering.

His research in manufacturing systems, assembly, and engineering statistics has been supported by more than $46 million in external funding from agencies such as the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation, as well as corporations such as General Motors. Hu has authored or co-authored nearly 200 peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as several book chapters, government, and industrial reports. He holds six patents, co-founded a startup company based on his research, and worked closely with several industry partners to enhance manufacturing quality and productivity.

Hu has developed and taught courses in design, manufacturing, and engineering statistics. He chaired the dissertation committees of more than 50 Ph.D. students, in addition to advising master’s students and mentoring undergraduate students pursuing research projects. He was twice recognized with the Teaching Incentive Award in the U-M Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Hu is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Academies’ Transportation Research Board. Hu is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the International Academy for Production Engineering (CIRP).

He is the recipient of several professional honors, including the William T. Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Gold Medal from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and several best paper awards.

Hu is a UGA Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering in the UGA College of Engineering. He earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Tianjin University in China and his master’s degree and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

For information about Dr. Hu’s Vision, please click here. More information about the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost available online here.
Expanding the Research Enterprise

UGA is undertaking a large-scale effort to streamline and enhance the way that grants for research and other sponsored projects are managed, with the ultimate goal of boosting faculty productivity. Changes introduced include improved coordination between pre- and post-award units, increased training and other customer service measures. https://news.uga.edu/uga-ranks-no-1-products-market/

Recruiting World-Class Faculty

Several recent hiring initiatives have increased the size and strength of UGA’s faculty. The Presidential Interdisciplinary Hiring Initiative has enhanced the impact of the university’s research, instruction and service, while an Extraordinary Research Faculty Hiring Initiative is attracting faculty who are on the leading edge of their fields. A Small Class Size Hiring Initiative and a Presidential Informatics Hiring Initiative are currently underway. https://news.uga.edu/presidential-recruitment-initiatives/

Experiential Learning

UGA has taken a significant step toward ensuring that all of its students engage in the kinds of hands-on experiences that enhance learning and position them for success after graduation.

All undergraduate students will be required to engage in experiential learning—through opportunities that include undergraduate research, study abroad, service-learning, internships and other experiences—through a new graduation requirement that will go into effect in fall 2016 for incoming first-year and transfer students. http://www.experienceuga.com/

Enhancing the Learning Environment

In 2014, UGA launched a series of new and expanded initiatives to enhance the academic experience of students and position them for success during their time at UGA and beyond. The three key priorities for student success are streamlining time to graduation; fostering readiness for employment, graduate or professional school; and enhancing UGA's ability to recruit world-class graduate students while expanding access to graduate programs. http://news.uga.edu/releases/article/uga-learning-environment-initiatives/
Strategic Plan

Based on themes emerging from an extensive data collection process that included benchmarking and input from campus and external stakeholders, the 2025 Strategic Planning Committee identified specific goals under each strategic direction.

These University-level goals define areas for focused effort by academic and administrative units over the next five years. By developing unit-level operational plans that align unit efforts and resources where appropriate with these University goals, the entire University community will work together to ensure UGA builds on its recent successes and continues its upward trajectory among leading public research universities.

https://president.uga.edu/2025_plan/
Women’s Leadership Initiative

The percentage of women holding leadership positions in UGA’s administration has remained flat for more than a decade, even as the proportion of female faculty has grown steadily. This is reflective of national trends in higher education and in the private sector, and UGA is taking several steps to increase the representation of women in leadership roles.

In spring 2015, UGA President Jere W. Morehead and former Provost Pamela Whitten launched the Women’s Leadership Initiative. Whitten charged a 10-member planning committee with assessing what barriers were preventing the university from developing, recruiting and hiring qualified women for campus leadership positions. The committee identified three areas of focus where reimagined policies and targeted programming could advance gender equity at UGA.

"The new policies and programs that will be implemented through the Women’s Leadership Initiative demonstrate the university's strong commitment to gender equity," Morehead said. "I am pleased that this important initiative is moving forward in concrete ways that will enhance leadership opportunities for women on campus."

RECRUITMENT, HIRING AND RETENTION

To address the recruitment, hiring and retention of women, the university will formally define and integrate its practices for recruiting and hiring women. From the outset of every search process, encouraging the successful recruitment of a diverse, qualified talent pool and documenting these efforts will be standard practice as units work with the Office of Faculty Affairs. As a result, search committees will be more actively engaged in the recruitment of women candidates.

The Office of Faculty Affairs, in partnership with Human Resources, has begun training administrators with hiring authority, as well as search committee chairs, on the new requirements and best practices for minimizing bias and encouraging diversity in hiring. The recommended practices will be supported by online guides that include information on advertising open positions, suggested content for position descriptions and the charge given to search committees, and managing confidentiality, references and feedback.
LEADERSHIP AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

To support the career development of women, UGA has launched the Women’s Leadership Fellows program, which offers a selected group of faculty a yearlong series of seminars, discussions and workshops on leadership development and early exposure to administrative training in budgets and finance, fundraising, change management and legal affairs. Women’s Leadership Fellows network with senior administrators on campus, as well as with visiting speakers from academia, business and other fields, and the program features an annual retreat as a forum for more in-depth learning. Fellows are tenured, clinical or public service faculty who are nominated by their deans or other senior administrators for their leadership potential. A selection committee appointed by the provost will identify up to 10 Fellows annually for the program.

UGA also is launching a campus-wide development series aimed at early-career faculty who may be unfamiliar with administrative roles and opportunities.

Finally, the university provides a series of Women’s Leadership Lectures for the entire campus that focuses on unique gender-based challenges. Focused on leadership and career development, the series brings provocative speakers to campus and delve into opportunities in higher education to address timely issues related to women.

WORK-LIFE BALANCE

To promote work-life balance, UGA Human Resources is piloting a new staff position to develop a hub of work-life balance resources and assist faculty and staff seeking advice. The Work-Life Resources Coordinator serves as the point of contact on campus to help university employees productively address concerns about work-life balance. Human Resources also has created an easily accessible online resource with information on the programs and services the university offers to promote work-life balance. Information on child care, wellness programs, telecommuting and leave policies are consolidated in a centralized resource.

"By investing in the professional growth of faculty and administrators, the Women’s Leadership Fellows Program enhances the capacity of the University of Georgia to fulfill its vital teaching, research and service missions," said S. Jack Hu, the university’s senior vice president for academic affairs and provost."
When the University of Georgia was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly on January 27, 1785, Georgia became the first state to charter a state-supported university. In 1784 the General Assembly had set aside 40,000 acres of land to endow a college or seminary of learning.

At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Augusta on February 13, 1786, Abraham Baldwin was selected president of the University. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Yale University, Baldwin – who had come to Georgia in 1784 – drafted the charter adopted by the General Assembly.

The University was actually established in 1801 when a committee of the Board of Trustees selected a land site. John Milledge, later a governor of the state, purchased and gave to the Board of Trustees the chosen tract of 633 acres on the banks of the Oconee River in northeast Georgia.

Two men who were leaders of the early University of Georgia also signed the United States Constitution. Abraham Baldwin, who wrote UGA’s charter and was the institution’s first president, and William Few, a member of the Board of Trustees, signed the Constitution on behalf of Georgia at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1787.

Josiah Meigs was named president of the University and work was begun on the first building originally called Franklin College in honor of Benjamin Franklin – now known as Old College. The University graduated its first class in 1804. The curriculum of traditional classical studies was broadened in 1843 to include courses in law, and again in 1872 when the University received federal funds for instruction in agriculture and mechanical arts.

In 1931 the General Assembly of Georgia placed all state-supported institutions of higher education, including UGA, under the jurisdiction of a single board. This organization, known as the University System of Georgia, is governed by the board of regents. The board of regents’ executive officer, the chancellor, exercises a general supervisory control over all institutions of the University System, with each institution having its own executive officers and faculty.
Seventeen colleges and schools, with auxiliary divisions, carry on the University’s programs of teaching, research, and service. These colleges and schools and the dates of their establishment as separate administrative units are:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, 1801;  
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 1859;  
School of Law, 1859;  
Robert C. Wilson College of Pharmacy, 1903;  
Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, 1906;  
College of Education, 1908;  
Graduate School, 1910;  
C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business, 1912;  
Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, 1915;  
College of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1933;  
College of Veterinary Medicine, 1946;  
School of Social Work, 1964;  
College of Environment and Design, 2001;  
School of Public and International Affairs, 2001;  
College of Public Health, 2005;  
Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology, 2007;  
College of Engineering, 2012
Chartered by the Georgia General Assembly January 27, 1785, the University of Georgia is America’s first state chartered university and the birthplace of the American system of public higher education.

The University’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication administers the Peabody Awards program. Often cited as the most prestigious award in electronic media, the Peabody Awards recognize excellence, distinguished achievement and meritorious service by radio and television networks, stations, cable television organizations, producing organizations and individuals. The Peabody archives, housed at UGA, contain some of the best radio and television programs produced in the last six decades.

Bernard Ramsey (BS ’37), who died July 11, 1996, was UGA’s most generous benefactor. His contributions to the University totaled nearly $45 million, including an $18.8 million bequest. The Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Student Physical Activities Center is named for Mr. Ramsey and his late wife.

UGA has had 24 students named Rhodes Scholars in its history.

The Georgia Museum of Art, a unit of UGA, is the official state museum of art, consisting of 19th and 20th century American paintings; American, European and Asian works on paper; the Samuel H. Kress Study Collection of Italian Renaissance paintings, and a growing collection of southern decorative arts.

The UGA libraries have established the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame to recognize authors for their contributions to the state’s literary heritage. Its member include: Margaret Mitchell, Martin Luther King, Jr., Flannery O’Connor, Sidney Lanier, W.E.B. Du Bois, Jimmy Carter, Pat Conroy, James Dickey, and Terry Kay.

The University is a co-sponsor of the Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators, one of the few programs of its kind conducted by a higher education institution in the U.S. The institute provides orientation for new members of the Georgia General Assembly and offers programs on major issues and policy questions for incumbent legislators.
The Georgia Review, the University’s quarterly literary journal, features writing by many of the nation’s most acclaimed authors and has twice taken a top prize in the annual National Magazine Awards competition.

The University of Georgia Libraries has been the administrator of the prestigious Lillian Smith Book Awards since 2004. The Libraries’ partnership with The Southern Regional Council allows the awards to expand their reach to a wider audience and to more broadly fulfill the mission of enhancing racial awareness through literature.

The University's Small Business Development Center was established in 1977 as one of the first such programs in the country. The program annually provides hundreds of small businesses and prospective entrepreneurs with counseling, management training, continuing education, alumni networking and advocacy.

The University has twice been host for the Annual Conference of Former Secretaries of State. The first conference was held in 1990 and the second in 2008. The conference brings together former U.S. secretaries of state to discuss international affairs and U.S. foreign policy.

The first Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the state of Georgia was founded at UGA in 1914. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization in America. Only 290 colleges and universities have a chapter.

Public Service and Outreach is central to the University’s mission, spearheading UGA’s extensive outreach efforts through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Fanning Institute and the Archway Partnership, reaching all 159 counties and more than 500 cities.

The Richard B. Russell Special Collections Libraries is an 115,000-square-foot facility housing the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, the Russell Library for Political Research and Studies, the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and the Peabody Awards Collection.

In addition to its status as a land-grant institution, the University is one of 30 institutions in the U.S. to be designated a Sea Grant College. The University in 1980 became the 15th institution to attain Sea Grant status, a recognition of excellence in marine research, education and advisory services.

The University of Georgia continues to be one of the best values in public higher education in the nation. Top value and low debt at graduation earned UGA 13th-place status on Kiplinger Magazine’s list of 100 best values among public colleges and universities in the 2019 rankings.

UGA is ranked sixteenth among the nation’s universities for the production of Fulbright U.S. Scholars.
The Office of Institutional Diversity seeks to ensure a University of Georgia where people of many different backgrounds and perspectives join together to actively advance knowledge. As a community dedicated to scholarship, research, instruction, and public service and outreach, we recognize the importance of respecting, valuing and learning from each other’s differences while seeking common goals. The Office of Institutional Diversity will provide the leadership to establish the University of Georgia as a national and international model in creative ways to address diversity and equity issues in an academic setting.

The following are just a few UGA’s current OID Diversity Programs. Please visit the OID Diversity Programs website for a full listing.

Scholarships in the Office of Institutional Diversity
The Office of Institutional Diversity at the University of Georgia is excited to announce two phenomenal scholarship opportunities. The Diversity Scholarship and the Black Alumni Scholarship are designed to provide financial support to underrepresented incoming UGA students.

Diversity and Inclusion Certificate
The Diversity and Inclusion Certificate creates an opportunity for faculty and staff to explore strategic areas around diversity and improve their ability to contribute to the enhancement of UGA’s welcoming and inclusive environment.

Workshops & Consulting
The Office of Institutional Diversity provides workshops and consulting to promote inclusion by offering strategies to create a welcoming climate. Workshops and seminars are interactive, providing participants with opportunities to engage in discussion and activities that further their understanding of diversity and inclusion at the University of Georgia.

GAAME: Georgia African American Male Experience
The Georgia African American Male Experience has a residential weekend program created to increase the enrollment of African American males at the University of Georgia. This weekend program focuses on leadership and leadership development.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast
The Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast is Athens, Georgia’s premier celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The breakfast is an annual partnership between the University of Georgia, Athens – Clarke County Unified Government, and the Clarke County School District. The breakfast brings together approximately 600 individuals from the University of Georgia and Clarke County communities and is also used as a time to acknowledge the diversity achievements and contributions of members of the Athens-Clarke County/UGA community.
Additional Diversity Links

- Fall 2019: Diverse incoming class continues tradition of academic excellence
- September 2018: UGA receives national diversity award for fifth consecutive year.
- Institute for Women’s Studies
- UGA Diversity News
- Diversity Events at UGA
- Resources at UGA

Diversity Advisory Council

The UGA Diversity Advisory Council is an advisory board with responsibility to the Provost via the Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity/Chief Diversity Officer. The UGA Diversity Advisory Council serves as a broad-based advisory group with representation by the major components of the university so as to have a voice from students, staff, faculty, and administrators. This council reports to the Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity/Chief Diversity Officer.

The Mission of the Diversity Advisory Council

The Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) will assist the Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) in the design and implementation of strategies that advance and enhance diversity at UGA. The council will advise the associate provost in issues related to diversity and inclusion on this campus. This council should identify the barriers to achieving greater diversity at UGA and provide recommendations on how to overcome those barriers.

The council, through its committee structure, will study the diversity literature research and review models in order to propose best practices and strategies that improve diversity at UGA. In addition, the council will provide public campus forums for the discussion of diversity-related issues and ideas and promote a campus dialogue about diversity with a particular focus on ensuring a sense of inclusion.
The University of Georgia is the nation’s first state-chartered university and one of its best public research universities. We believe that innovation and excellence can only thrive in an environment of openness, flexibility, and mutual respect—where all ideas are heard and people are supported to pursue a path that’s right for them.

**Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars**

Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars are acknowledged leaders in areas of science that are strategically important to the state of Georgia and its research universities. They hold endowed chairs made possible by the Georgia Research Alliance, a unique nonprofit that grows Georgia’s economy by expanding university research and entrepreneurship. Working with their colleagues across the university, GRA Eminent Scholars have helped the University of Georgia rise 34% in new award funding from fiscal year 2014 to 2018.

The University of Georgia has added to its impressive roster of Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars, as renowned chemist [David Crich](mailto:David.Crich@uga.edu) joined the faculty with a joint appointment in the department of pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences in the College of Pharmacy and the department of chemistry in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

**Focus on Faculty**

These profiles highlight faculty members who are making great strides in education, research, and community service and engagement.

Terry College of Business professor [Jacqueline Hammersley](mailto:Jacqueline.Hammersley@uga.edu) educates students while also conducting research that has a direct effect on professional accounting practice.

**Honors and Awards**

Visit the link above for a full listing of UGA faculty honors and awards from and memberships in prestigious associations such as the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and more.

University of Georgia associate professor [Paula Lemons](mailto:Paula.Lemons@uga.edu) is among the 2019 recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, or PECASE, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on scientists and engineers in the early stages of their research careers and who show exceptional promise for leadership in science and technology.

Two University of Georgia researchers have been awarded Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

[Brian Kvitko and Gaelen Burke](mailto:Brian.Kvitko@uga.edu,Gaelen.Burke@uga.edu), both faculty members in the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, were awarded the five-year grants this year.
The University of Georgia is a national leader among public universities in the numbers of major scholarships earned by our students.

- **25** Rhodes Scholars
- **7** Gates Cambridge Scholars
- **7** Marshall Scholars
- **3** Mitchell Scholars
- **56** Goldwater Scholars
- **21** Truman Scholars
- **17** Udall Scholars
- **41** Boren Scholarships (since 2010)

**130** UGA students were offered Fulbright Scholarships in the past four years.
Laura Courchesne, an Honors Program student and Foundation Fellow from Fair Haven, New Jersey, was named a 2017 Rhodes Scholar. She is majoring in economics and religion in the Terry College of Business and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, respectively.

A record number of seven University of Georgia students were awarded Boren Scholarships to study abroad during the 2019-2020 academic year. Boren Scholarships are funded by the National Security Education Program and offer up to $20,000 for language study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests.

University of Georgia Honors student Diane Klement was named a 2019 Udall Foundation Scholar. Klement is majoring in ecology with a minor in studio art. An Honors student, she plans to pursue master’s degrees in environmental science and creative writing.

Monte Fischer, Mackenzie Joy, Kaitlin Luedecke and Sarah Saddoris are among were recognized as Barry Goldwater Scholars in 2019, earning the highest undergraduate award of its type for the fields of the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering.

University of Georgia Honors student Meredith Paker was named a recipient of the Marshall Scholarship to pursue graduate studies in the United Kingdom. Up to 40 Marshall Scholars are selected each year, and Paker is UGA's third student in the last decade to earn the award and the seventh in the university's history.

What the College Guides Say


Kiplinger Magazine ranks UGA 13th in its 2019 list of the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.”

Forbes ranks UGA 25th among public universities in the 2019 list of “America’s Top Colleges 2019.”
UGA Student Affairs inspires students to engage meaningfully, grow intellectually, and build character so they will create thriving communities. UGA Student Affairs fully embraces the University’s emphasis on rigorous learning experiences, hands-on research, and leadership opportunities. Some of the longest lasting impressions from UGA students’ college careers will be from their involvement with Student Affairs. Through our focus on the engagement, intellect and character of each student, we take great pride in the value that Student Affairs’ learning experiences add to a University of Georgia degree.

- Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
- Office of the Dean of Students
- Academic Partnerships and Initiatives
- Center for Leadership and Service
- Disability Resource Center
- Greek Life
- International Student Life
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- Multicultural Services & Programs
- Student Conduct
- Recreational Sports
- Student Affairs Assessment & Staff Development
- Student Affairs Communications & Marketing Initiatives
- Student Affairs Development
- Student Care and Outreach
- Student Conduct
- Student Veterans Resource Center
- Tate Student Center
- University Health Center
- University Housing
- University Testing Services
UGA received a total of about $453 million in R&D expenditures in fiscal year 2018. For technology commercialization, UGA consistently ranks among the top universities in the country, due in large part to its high level of licensing activity. In 2018 UGA was in the #1 university in the United States for new products. UGA Research has a $6.3 billion impact on the state of Georgia.

The discoveries made by UGA researchers create unique opportunities to improve lives in Georgia and beyond. UGA is a top partner for industry, ranking among the best U.S. universities for licensing activity. More than 725 products ranging from pharmaceuticals to peanuts and from poultry vaccines to education tools are now in the marketplace. UGA earned over $7.5 million in income from licensing agreements in FY15.

As the state’s most comprehensive research institution, the University of Georgia is a major driver of economic and workforce development, catalyzing effective public/private partnerships that support industry, create new businesses, generate new jobs, and train the college-educated workforce of tomorrow.

Additional information available on the website for the Office of the Vice President for Research.
In October 2011, the directors and department heads of various arts units on campus were invited to a meeting to explore whether there were issues and priorities in the arts that could benefit from collaboration and networking. The result was the formation of the UGA Arts Council, whose members represent the performing, visual and literary arts, as well as interdisciplinary academic units (see Arts Council Representatives). With support from the Office of the Provost, the Arts Council now meets regularly, as does its marketing and public relations committee.

To encourage students and community members to become more involved in the arts at UGA, the Arts Council created the Spotlight on the Arts festival, which highlights units and facilities, from visual arts and creative writing to music, dramatic arts, dance and more. The inaugural festival was held in November 2012 and last year’s festival spanned 10 days, included more than 100 events, and drew more than 22,000 attendees.

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**Mission**

The mission of the UGA Arts Council is to foster an awareness and appreciation of the arts and an environment conducive to artistic innovation. Individually and collectively, the member units of the Arts Council promote excellence in the arts through academic programs, performances, exhibitions, scholarship and outreach activities to advance the university’s goals of serving students, the state, and the nation.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARTS AT UGA:**

- Department of Dance
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
- Georgia Museum of Art
- Georgia Review
- Hodgson School of Music
- Lamar Dodd School of Art
- Performing Arts Center
- Special Collections Libraries
- Department of Theatre and Film Studies
- The University of Georgia Press
- University Theatre
- Willson Center for Humanities and Arts
UGA’s Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach (PSO) codirects the University’s economic development program, including overseeing the UGA economic development office in Atlanta designed both to serve the metro area and to be a hub for community economic development efforts statewide. PSO programs play an essential role in economic development by preparing communities and leaders for success through training, through planning, and through customized assistance to address issues, whether in the communities or in industries, such as the fishing industry on Georgia’s coast.

PSO programs had an estimated economic impact on Georgia’s economy of $409.7 million in 2015 and supported 4,830 jobs. External income totaled $42 million, more than doubling the investment of state dollars in PSO programs.

Nearly 500 public service and outreach experts connect with all 159 counties in Georgia and 539 of its cities, creating partnerships that help communities thrive by creating jobs, developing leaders, and addressing critical issues. PSO helps communities attract and retain businesses and enhancing their effectiveness and responsiveness to residents. PSO serves the state at all levels, working with elected officials, business and government leaders, and state agencies, often through creating a collaborative team of experts from UGA’s schools and colleges.

Eight diverse units serve the state in a variety of ways:

- **Archway Partnership**: Works with communities to develop partnerships and collaborations that help them reach their goals for improvement.
- **Carl Vinson Institute of Government**: Works with state and local elected and appointed officials and other government personnel on becoming more effective and responsive to constituents.
- **Georgia Center for Continuing Education**: Provides professional and personal development courses, conferences, and other events, all supported by a state-of-the-art facility and award-winning hospitality staff for the on-site hotel and conference center.
- **J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development**: Helps develop leadership skills in community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and at-risk youth.
- **Marine Extension**: The Marine Extension Service (MAREX) and Georgia Sea Grant help address coastal issues, the first through educational programs and assistance to fishing industries and other stakeholders. Sea Grant provides grant funding for coastal-related research. Marine Extension has $113 million annual economic impact on Georgia and its coastal communities.
- **Office of Service-Learning (OSL)**: Reporting to the VP for Instruction as well as the VP for Public Service and Outreach, OSL coordinates service-learning opportunities for students by helping create community engagement work connected to academic courses that combine classroom and in-the-field learning to enrich students’ education.
- **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**: Seventeen offices around the state work with small business owners, assisting them in getting started and then thriving, including exporting abroad if applicable. Over the last five years, SBDC helped create 1,547 new small businesses and 11,785 new jobs. Additionally, $606 million in capital was raised through loans and equity financing. The SBDC also had $8.9 billion in sales.
- **State Botanical Garden of Georgia**: UGA is home to the state’s botanical garden, which offers beautiful space for leisure but also research and educational opportunities, leading efforts around the state in the conservation of native plants.
The Science Learning Center (ScLC) is an approximately 122,500 gross sf. facility that provides new modern learning space for core undergraduate science courses. It is located at the southwest corner of D. W. Brooks Mall, just to the south of the College of Pharmacy building. The ScLC offers 33 separate undergraduate instructional labs and accommodates Chemistry, Biological Sciences (Cellular / Molecular, Organismal, Plant Biology, Ecology), and Physics. The Center also houses two 280-seat tiered lecture halls and two 72-seat SCALE-UP classrooms as well as building and lab support areas and offices. The project budget for this facility was $48 million and opened Fall 2016.

UGA’s $43 million Zell B. Miller Learning Center, located in the heart of campus, is one of the largest and most technologically advanced facilities of its kind on an American university campus. The 206,000-square-foot building, on a 6.5-acre footprint, contains 26 classrooms with a total of 2,200 seats, and 96 small study rooms. An electronic library allows users to electronically access materials in other university libraries. The building has 500 public-access computers, and many classrooms and study rooms have laptop connections. The building also has a coffee shop and reading room.

The Tate Student Center, located in the heart of the University of Georgia campus, provides facilities, services, and programs for the University community. The Tate Student Center contains student organization and staff offices, an information desk, movie theater, food service areas, study & TV lounges, and meeting rooms. Named for former Dean of Men William Tate, the Tate Student Center opened in 1983 and an addition was completed in 2009.

The Holmes-Hunter Academic Building was renamed in 2001 in honor of Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Hamilton Holmes, who became the first African Americans to enroll at the University of Georgia in 1961. The building was originally constructed as two separate buildings, one erected in 1831, that were joined together in 1905.

The Complex Carbohydrate Research Center was created in 1985 as the first facility in the world devoted specifically to the study of complex carbohydrates. The CCRC is home to four federally designated centers for carbohydrate research, and is a Georgia Research Alliance-supported regional center for nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. The CCRC receives approximately $15 million annually in research awards. The Center’s 140,000-square-foot building, which opened in February 2004, is the third expansion of the CCRC since it was formed. The facility includes incubators, fermentation and cell culture rooms, and specialized equipment to support medical glycoscience research; laboratories for plant growth and plant bioenergy research; laboratories for analytical services and training; laboratories for synthetic carbohydrate chemistry research; and instrument suites for nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers, mass spectrometers and computational modeling.

In fall 2012, the University of Georgia announced the creation of its Center for Molecular Medicine with Stephen Dalton, PhD, as its founding director. Development of the CMM complements UGA’s recent thrust into human health, which is marked by the opening of a new health sciences campus that includes a medical school campus operated in partnership with Georgia Health Sciences University (formerly the Medical College of Georgia), as well as the rapidly expanding College of Public Health. Over the next three to four years, CMM will be expanding through the recruitment of up to eight new faculty. Click here to read about the CMM groundbreaking that occurred on December 1, 2015.
The 425,000-square-foot **Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Student Center for Physical Activities** is one of the largest and most comprehensive fitness/exercise facilities for students and faculty in the country, and has been rated by Sports Illustrated as the nation’s best such facility. Covering some 5 ½ acres, the Ramsey Student Center contains gymnasias, recreational and competition swimming pools, racquetball courts, a volleyball gymnasium, weight training rooms, dance studios and concert seating. It also contains classrooms, research labs and administrative and faculty offices for the School of Health and Human Performance.

The UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital opened at its new location on College Station Road March 25, 2015. This state-of-the-art facility allows the Hospital to better meet its current patient care demands and the educational needs of the College while ensuring a bright future for both the CVM and the veterinary profession. The entire site is referred to as the **Veterinary Medical Center** and includes a new teaching hospital for small and large animals, a covered equine performance arena, a building dedicated to Field Services, Production Medicine and Theriogenology, and an education building for teaching and continuing education courses.

The **Founders’ Memorial Garden** on the University campus commemorates the founding in Athens of the first garden club in America. The Founders Garden serves as a memorial to the first garden club in America. Situated on two and one-half acres, the garden consists of a formal boxwood garden, two courtyards, a retrace, a perennial garden, and an arboretum. Moreover, it is versatile in purpose: it is not just a museum of landscape design, but also a "living" laboratory for botany, forestry and related disciplines.

The University is home to the **State Botanical Garden of Georgia** (pictured), the **State Museum of Art**, and the **State Museum of Natural History**. The Georgia General Assembly designated the University’s Botanical Garden the State Botanical Garden in 1984. The 312-acre forest south of the main campus features a 20,000-square-foot conservatory/visitor’s center that contains tropical and semi-tropical plants. The General Assembly designated the Georgia Museum of Art the State Museum of Art in 1982. Founded in 1945, the museum has a permanent collection of more than 9,000 works with primary focus on American artists. The General Assembly in 1999 designated the Museum of Natural History as the State of Georgia Museum of Natural History. Housed in several departments, the museum is composed of collections of arthropods, plants, rocks, snakes, fish, invertebrates, mammals, fungi, birds, pollen and plant microspores and contains more than 4,500,000 specimens.

**Richard B. Russell Building Special Collections Libraries**

The first special collections department at the University of Georgia was established in 1953. In the years since, the original collection, now the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, has grown. The Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies and the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection were established in 1974 and 1995, respectively. Today all three departments work together to document the history and culture of Georgia as a state and as it relates to the nation and the world. In January 2010, UGA President Michael F. Adams, members of the Russell Foundation, the family of the late U.S. Senator Richard B. Russell, UGA Library staff, and special donors and friends broke ground for a new 115,000 square foot structure located on the northwest side of the University of Georgia campus. The facilities were dedicated in September 2012.
The University of Georgia Health Sciences Campus is home to the UGA College of Public Health (CPH) and the Augusta University/University of George Medical Partnership (Medical Partnership). The 56.15-acre educational campus is strategically located on Prince Avenue two miles from the main campus. The property, which had been home to the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens from 1954-2010, was formally conveyed by the Department of Education to the Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Georgia in 2011. The University of Georgia Health Sciences Campus allows for a range of essential medical and health education programs to be established at a single campus. In keeping with UGA's land-grant mission, these programs are being developed to meet health training and service needs that impact Georgians statewide.

The Business Learning Community became the new home of the Terry College of Business in 2017. The complex of four — and eventually six — buildings provides the highly collaborative learning environment that Terry's faculty and staff have long envisioned for all business students.

Dedicated in 2015, Correll Hall was the first building of the Business Learning Community to open. It is named for A.D. “Pete” Correll, chairman emeritus of Georgia-Pacific and a Terry College alumnus, and his wife, Ada Lee Correll, a graduate of the UGA College of Education. The 74,000-square-foot structure provides state-of-the-art facilities for the Terry's graduate programs and college administration, including 10 classrooms, an innovation lab, a graduate commons, project team rooms, and interview rooms.

To the south of Correll Hall are three adjoining buildings that comprise the second phase of construction, opened in 2017: Amos, Benson and Moore-Rooker halls.

Delta Hall is the UGA in Washington residential facility in the Capitol Hill neighborhood on the east side of Stanton Park. The new facility, which was purchased by the UGA Foundation in 2013, has undergone extensive renovations to transform the 20,000-square-foot space from a commercial office building to a residence hall and learning community. The renovated building provides living quarters, classroom and study space for UGA students and faculty who participate in UGA's experiential learning programs in the nation's capital. Click to learn more about the Washington Semester Program.
QUICK FACTS ABOUT UGA

Founded
January 27, 1785, by the Georgia General Assembly. UGA is the first state-chartered university in America.

Size
Main campus: 465 buildings on 762 acres.
Total acreage in 31 Georgia counties: 39,743 acres

Annual Budget (FY 2018)
$1.64 billion (27.4% provided by the state of Georgia)

Enrollment – Fall Semester 2018
Undergraduate: 29,611
Graduate/Professional: 9,041
Total 38,652
(This total includes students enrolled at UGA extended campuses in Gwinnett County, Tifton, Griffin, and Buckhead.)

Student Activities
More than 750 registered student organizations, including 60+ Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities.

Schools and Colleges
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Arts and Sciences; Business; Ecology; Education; Environment and Design; Family and Consumer Sciences; Forestry and Natural Resources; Graduate School; Journalism and Mass Communication; Law; Pharmacy; Public Health; Public and International Affairs; Social Work; Veterinary Medicine; the AU/UGA Medical Partnership; and Engineering

Location
Athens, Georgia (Clarke County), about 65 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta.

Work Force
(As of October 2017)
Faculty (instructional/research/public service): 3,045
Administrative/other professional: 2,970
Technical/clerical/crafts/maintenance: 4,726
Total 10,741

Research (FY17)
Research and development expenditures: $455 million
Licensing Revenue: $10.6 million

Libraries
Ranked among the nation’s best research libraries. Total of 5.2 million volumes and one of nation’s largest map collections.
The Commit to Georgia Campaign has reached an important campaign milestone: surpassing its $1.2 billion goal. The goal, which was announced in November 2016, was the most ambitious fundraising goal that the University of Georgia has ever set, and it was reached 16 months ahead of schedule. The campaign will continue through June 2020 as planned, and the University of Georgia will continue fundraising for all of its campaign priorities.

“I am thrilled to celebrate this milestone with our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends,” said President Jere W. Morehead. “However, this campaign is far from over. I look forward to seeing how much higher we can raise the bar—and increase the campaign’s transformative impact—in the remaining 16 months.”

Nearly 150,000 alumni, parents and friends have already contributed to the Commit to Georgia Campaign. Significant progress has been made toward each of the campaign priorities—increasing scholarship support, enhancing the learning environment, and solving grand challenges for our state and the world.
EXTENDED CAMPUSES

GRIFFIN
Located approximately 40 miles south of Atlanta, the University of Georgia Griffin campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs from five of UGA’s schools and colleges. Established in 1888 as the Georgia Experiment Station, where agricultural research was conducted, UGA began offering undergraduate degree-completion programs at the Griffin campus in 2005. Today UGA-Griffin offers 11 undergraduate degree-completion programs and four graduate degree programs. The academic programs and services on the Griffin campus represent the university’s overall mission of teaching, research and service.

GWINNETT
The University of Georgia Gwinnett campus is a highly accessible and vibrant center of advanced learning for non-traditional and working professionals in the greater Atlanta and northeast Georgia area. Students at UGA-Gwinnett have the opportunity to earn an advanced degree from the University of Georgia, consistently ranked among the top 25 public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. UGA-Gwinnett offers 19 graduate degree programs, as well as certificate programs and professional development opportunities. The academic programs at UGA-Gwinnett provide students with low student-to-faculty ratios, which allows personable instruction from highly qualified faculty. Classes are offered in a convenient Atlanta location, off I-85 at the Old Peachtree Road exit. With evening and Saturday classes, students can pursue an advanced degree while continuing to work full-time.

TIFTON – College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
The Tifton campus has become an integral research component of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and it has grown right along with agriculture. The campus now includes 7,000 acres in south Georgia with research farms and centers at Alma, Attpalugus, Camilla, Midville, Lyons, and Plains. UGA researchers also collaborate with USDA Agricultural Research Service scientists based on the campus, a partnership that dates back to 1924.

BUCKHEAD/ATLANTA – Terry College of Business
The Terry College of Business and its MBA programs are consistently recognized as being among the top programs in the nation. In fact, the Terry MBA was recently ranked one of the top 22 public programs in the nation by Bloomberg Businessweek, The Economist, and The Financial Times. These rankings are a testament to the quality of the business college’s curriculum, faculty, students and the success of its alumni. The Terry MBA provides the right combination of business theory, analytical skills, interpersonal skills, and leadership development that allows its graduates to excel.

The Terry College’s “home away from home” in Atlanta is the Terry Executive Education Center.

The Executive and Professional MBA Programs are offered at the center in addition to non-degree programs such as the Certified Financial Planning course. The center also is a focal point and meeting place for Terry students, alumni, faculty, and staff to interact with Atlanta’s business community. Designed and constructed with an eye toward maximizing each student’s educational experience, the center features tiered executive classrooms, conference rooms, break-out meeting spaces, and interview suites. Also included is office space for faculty and staff as well as the college’s Executives-in-Residence.

Bloomberg Businessweek ranks the Executive MBA program at UGA’s Terry College of Business 22nd in the nation among public business schools in its latest rankings.

In its 2016 edition U.S. News & World Report ranks the Terry College of Business No. 29 for best undergraduate business school.
The University of Georgia Fact Book
The information in this fact book provides an overview of the University of Georgia using significant statistical data.
FACT BOOK 2019

State of the University Address – January 29, 2020
UGA’s Academic Logo Updated – September 2016
Annual Reports - (From the Office of the President)
UGA Today – UGA Daily News

2025 Planning Process
The University community has endorsed a bold vision for its future, and this vision can only be achieved through thoughtful, coordinated, and collective action across campus. The 2025 Strategic Plan provides the roadmap for the University community and is grounded in three broad and mission-centered strategic directions:

1. Promoting Excellence in Teaching and Learning
2. Growing Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
3. Strengthening Partnerships with Communities across Georgia and around the World

Based on themes emerging from an extensive data collection process that included benchmarking and input from campus and external stakeholders, the 2025 Strategic Planning Committee identified specific goals under each strategic direction.
IV. Employee Benefits & Human Resources
The Employee Benefits links below provide summary and detailed information about the various benefits plans offered by the University of Georgia. They allow employees to select options best suited for their needs and those of their eligible dependents.

- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
- Retirement
- Long term disability
- (529) Higher Education Savings Plan
- Dental Insurance
- Flexible spending accounts
- Tax Deferred Savings Plan
- Paid days off

More information about the Human Resources services provided by UGA is available online here.
V. About the Region
The city of Athens, named after the ancient Greek center of higher learning, was chartered in 1806. Athens and the University developed a uniquely urbane culture that visitors can experience through historic districts, house museums, and historic landmarks. Athens boasts 15 neighborhoods on the National Register of Historic Places, including four distinctive house museums along its Museum Mile. Daily guided tours, an audio tour, and several self-guided walking tours give today's visitors a glimpse of Athens' past.

Nestled below the Blue Ridge Mountains – yet just hours away from seaside beaches and 65 miles from Atlanta – Athens is a harmony of old and new: wedding-perfect Antebellum architecture, contemporary art and eclectic nightlife, a Victorian-era downtown teeming with funky shops and one of the South’s most progressive culinary scenes.

The creative energy of Athens, Georgia, is alive and well in local restaurants, with masterful artwork on both the walls and the plate. Dozens of unique, independent eateries offer a distinctive culinary experience, from traditional Southern soul food to trendsetting nouveau Southern cuisine. Relax in ambient settings from sidewalk and courtyard cafés to dining rooms overlooking the University of Georgia's historic North Campus, with menus that feature exceptional wines and Italian, sushi, steak, Cajun, and farm fresh offerings from local Athens growers.

By night, Athens, Georgia, is alive with a variety of music clubs and bars that offer entertainment suited to every taste. No visit would be complete without sampling a bit of Athens' world-renowned music scene.

From a few bands – The B-52's, Pylon, R.E.M., and Widespread Panic – that started something different and gave Athens national attention, there are now hundreds of active bands, over 10 recording studios, and several independent record labels. World-famous venues, such as the 40 Watt Club and the Georgia Theatre, continue to attract up-and-coming musical acts as well as old favorites. With jazz, classical, blues, country, and rock performances occurring on a regular basis, Athens provides one of the most diverse and affordable music scenes in the world.
DISCOVER ATHENS

America's best college town

You may think Athens is a typical Southern town — and in many ways it is — but Athens, Georgia, isn't a typical college town.

A music and cultural hub

Home to R.E.M., the B-52's, the state museum of art, and a world-class concert hall, Athens is a haven for artists, musicians, athletes, chefs, and scholars. There's always something going on.

Historic

Athens is a harmony of old and new: Antebellum architecture, contemporary art and eclectic nightlife, a Victorian-era downtown teeming with funky shops and one of the South's most progressive culinary scenes.

HOW OTHERS SEE ATHENS, GEORGIA

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ANNUAL EVENTS

- January
  - MLK Day of Service (UGA)

- February
  - Wine Weekend
  - Taste of Athens

- March
  - Slingshot festival
  - Dancing with the Athens Stars
  - FLUKE!

- April
  - UGA International Street Festival
  - Piedmont Gardeners Garden Tour
  - Boybutante Ball
  - Plantapalooza – Plant sale

- May
  - Human Rights Festival

- June
  - Hot Corner Festival
  - Flagpole Athens Music Awards

- July
  - Classic City American Music Festival

- August
  - UGA Football Games (Saturdays through December)

- September
  - Athens Twilight Criterium (top photo)
  - AthFest Music and Arts Festival
  - Insect-ival

- October
  - North Georgia Folk Festival
  - LatinxFest
  - AthHalf Half Marathon
  - The Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle

- November
  - Spotlight on the Arts festival

- December
  - Downtown Athens Christmas Parade of Lights
  - Museum Mile Holiday Home Tour

- Seasonal
  - Athens Farmers Market (bottom photo)
  - Sunflower Music Festival
  - Indie South Fair
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Real Estate
MLS listing
Homes & Land
Athens Area Association of Realtors
Cost of Living

Chamber of Commerce
Athens Chamber of Commerce
Oconee Chamber of Commerce

Visit Athens: Clarke and Oconee Counties
Athens Welcome Center
Athens Clarke County Information
Visit Athens
Visit Oconee

Education
Athens Area Public Schools:
Clarke County School District
Oconee County School District
Jackson County School District
Madison County School District
Barrow County School District
Oglethorpe County School District

Athens Area Private Schools:
Athens Academy
Athens Christian School
Athens Montessori School
Cornerstone Christian Academy
Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School
Prince Ave Christian School
St Joseph Catholic School
Westminster Christian Academy
Waseca Montessori
McPhaul Center
University Childcare Center
LOCATION - Approximately 65-70 miles southwest of Athens

ABOUT ATLANTA

- Metro Population: **5,949,951**
- Major Industries: **Financial services, Technology, Telecommunications**
- Gross Metro Product: **$269.3 billion**
- Median Household Income: **$56,024**
- Median Home Price: **$101,300**
- Unemployment: **5.6 %**
- Job Growth (2012): **1.9 %**
- Cost of Living: **1.6% below national average**
- College Attainment: **34.5 %**
- Net Migration (2012): **32,500**

ATTRACTIONS

- Atlanta has several professional sports teams, including the Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Dream, and Atlanta Silverbacks
- The Georgia Aquarium
- Stone Mountain Park
- Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site
- 50 Fun Things to Do in Atlanta

Here’s what others are saying about Atlanta:

- Forbes magazine’s “The Best Places for Business and Careers” (2013)
- Movoto Real Estate Blog’s “America’s 10 Best Cities for 2013” – Ranked #3
- Sperling’s Best Places - #1 for “Most Energetic Cities”
- Atlanta is home to many Fortune 500 & Fortune 1000 Companies