In 2016, UGA became the largest public university in the country to make experiential learning a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students.

Since that time, students have conducted research projects through the Center for Undergraduate Research (CURO), enrolled in service-learning initiatives, participated in internships and studied abroad – experiences that bring classroom lessons to life.

One priority of the Commit to Georgia Campaign is to remove financial barriers to pursuing unique educational opportunities. Can you imagine rejecting an internship offer because you can’t afford a suit, or need a job to pay for your meal plan? Picture your study abroad dreams dashed because you can’t afford the airfare. Students across campus encounter these roadblocks, but with your support we can eliminate those obstacles. At UGA, students can dream big, and then dream even bigger.
Through internships, research, service-learning, study abroad and other forms of hands-on learning, our students will have life-changing experiences tailored to their interests and aspirations.

**Create the environment that shapes UGA students into leaders.**

“My Disney internship was an invaluable experience, and I know that what I learned there can’t be learned in a classroom. When I went into engineering, I thought it was a self-sufficient major, but I was proven wrong at Disney. My job is collaborative and I really enjoy reaching out and meeting people.”

–Avalon Kandrac, College of Engineering

“Not everyone can go outside and walk around in the woods and get paid for it. The scholarships have not only paid for activities, but eased the financial burden placed on me so that it has allowed me to get more involved in school.”

–Blake Sherry, Warnell School of Forestry

“I still have a copy of my [front page Houston Chronicle] article in my house. I’m going to frame it. That really started it all. It let me know that people believe in me and that I can do this.”

–Jaylon Thompson, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

“When I signed up for the UGA en Buenos Aires program, I didn’t really know what I was getting myself into. My seven-week experience was filled with history, social awareness, hands-on learning, and complete cultural immersion.”

Sehar Ali
Franklin College of Arts & Sciences