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Campaign overview

UGA’s biggest campaign priority is to make college affordable for all students. Students should be able to take full advantage of everything UGA has to offer rather than juggling multiple jobs on top of school work. When students graduate, significant debt should not weigh them down as they launch their careers.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, 22 percent of UGA undergraduate students received the federal Pell Grant, which is awarded to students in need across the nation. Among this group of Pell Grant recipients, 742 students reported a family income less than tuition and fees ($11,622 per year). The most at-risk students often lack parental support both financially and socially. Many of these students are first generation college students and come from backgrounds where college was not an option or even a topic of conversation.

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Our Commitment

As part of our ambitious goals, the University of Georgia has set three funding priorities:

- **Removing Barriers and Opening Doors for Students**
  
  **Scholarships**: Scholarships have the power to change lives and, by extension, our communities and the world at large. They break down barriers to growth, open doors to incredible possibilities, and blaze paths to futures that otherwise might be unattainable.
  
  Together, we can do more to chip away at the financial burden faced by so many students. It is our responsibility to commit even more deeply to the next generation of leaders, who will go on to develop revolutionary products and businesses, build on years of agricultural research, or stop the spread of diseases before they become epidemics. Together, we must help them help the world.

- **Enhancing the Learning Environment**
  
  **Student Experience**: At the University of Georgia, our students are committed to learning at the highest levels, and they have opportunities to deepen their knowledge and develop stronger skills and abilities through unique hands-on experiences that go outside of the classroom, such as internships, research, study abroad and service learning.
  
  These experiences develop our students’ critical thinking and problem-solving skills by teaching them to draw on course content as they examine the pressing challenges facing our world. And, after graduation, they are ready to lead and better prepared for graduate school and careers in the 21st century.
  
  We now have the opportunity and the responsibility to expand and enhance these types of high-impact learning opportunities that prepare our students to be the leaders of tomorrow.

- **Solving Grand Challenges for our State and the World**
  
  **Research and Service**: As a pioneering American research university with a land- and sea-grant mission, we are inspired to serve communities throughout our state and world.
  
  But in order to continue addressing the global challenges facing all of us, we must expand support for the individuals at UGA who create and share knowledge for the benefit of others. It’s these individuals—our faculty and staff—who are training entrepreneurs to create new businesses that will revitalize our state’s economy, who are studying infectious diseases to prevent the next outbreak, and who are supporting farmers and agricultural leaders to help feed our home state and the world around us.
  
  With increased faculty support in the form of endowed chairs and professorships, and support for public service and outreach initiatives, you will help us increase our capacity to solve the global challenges of today and tomorrow.
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The Public Family Endowed Need-Based Scholarship - $75,000 (becomes $150,000)

The Georgia Commitment Scholarship Program is a matching opportunity to fund need-based aid at UGA. It is designed to grow the number of need-based scholarships awarded to UGA students which is a giant step toward eliminating the financial obstacles facing many students. 6,737 undergraduate students at UGA are Federal Pell Grant recipients. 40% are from families without the ability to contribute to college expenses. 28% are first-generation college students. 30% have a family income less than the cost of attendance for a resident undergraduate ($26,204). Nearly 1,000 have a family income less than the cost of tuition and fees for a resident undergraduate. So, to help alleviate this financial obstacle the UGA Foundation will match individual donations of $50,000, $75,000 and $100,000 up to $500,000 to double the impact of endowed need-based scholarships.

Your generous commitment of $75,000 to establish an endowed scholarship for need-based aid will immediately be matched by the UGA Foundation, doubling the impact of your investment and bringing your endowment to a grand total of $150,000. As you fulfill your commitment of the next four years (four-year payment schedule for this specific program – The Georgia Commitment Scholarship program – not including the total $250,000 investment) your gifts will fund a $5,250 annual award and add $13,500 per year to the endowment, which is also accumulating investment earnings. In the fifth year, the endowment will have received $129,000 in contributions and will begin funding the annual award from accumulated investment earnings, in perpetuity.
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Jane’s total contribution over 5 years = $125,000
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Your support of the Commit to Georgia campaign makes an enormous impact on the thousands of students who pass through and around the Arch each day. Investing in our students and faculty increases the quality and value of the education we offer, expands our contribution to economic growth and development, and brings the three pillars of the Arch: wisdom, justice and moderation to life for the benefit of all residents of Georgia and beyond.

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