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 public education. What began as a commitment to inspire the next generation grows stronger today through global research, hands-on learning and extensive outreach. A top value in public higher education, Georgia’s flagship university thrives in a community that combines a culture-rich college town with a strong economic center.
The Commit to Georgia Campaign launched in 2016, identifying three priorities: removing barriers and opening doors, enhancing the learning environment and solving grand challenges for our state and the world. With the tremendous support of UGA’s alumni and friends, the university has made unprecedented progress in raising funds in these areas and aims to do even more before the campaign officially closes at the end of FY20.

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

REMOVING BARRIERS AND OPENING DOORS
The Georgia Commitment Scholarship program, launched alongside the campaign, has created more than 500 endowed, need-based scholarships thanks to over $33 million contributed by 300+ donors.

ENHANCING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
Since the start of the campaign, private giving to UGA has helped construct over 900,000 square feet of new facilities: from the six halls that make up the Business Learning Community to Sanford Stadium’s West End Zone project to the Science Learning Center and more.

SOLVING GRAND CHALLENGES FOR OUR STATE AND THE WORLD
Over 90 new endowed faculty positions have been created thanks to donors. These positions will help UGA attract and retain premier educators and researchers who will create solutions to today’s grand challenges and inspire the students who will solve tomorrow’s.
Fall 2019 Enrollment

- **38,920** overall
- **29,848** undergraduate
- **9,072** graduate

- **95%** first-year retention rate
- **87%** 6-year graduation rate

*All students complete experiential learning before graduation.*

Class of 2019 Career Outcomes

- **95%** employed or continuing education within 6 months of graduation

*See full details at career.uga.edu/outcomes*

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**ECONOMIC IMPACT AND OUTREACH**

- **$6.5 BILLION** on the state of Georgia
- Every Georgian is within **40 MILES** of a UGA resource
- **#1** U.S. university introducing products to market
- **500** Public Service and Outreach faculty across the state
- **175+** companies launched based on UGA research
With its comprehensive reach, the university’s 17 colleges and schools enroll more than 37,000 students and have produced over 327,000+ alumni living worldwide. The University of Georgia’s initiatives extend globally while touching every corner of the state, realizing the university’s land- 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.

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- School of Law
- College of Pharmacy
- Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
- Mary Frances Early College of Education
- Graduate School
- C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business
- Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- School of Social Work
- College of Environment and Design
- School of Public and International Affairs
- College of Public Health
- Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology
- College of Engineering

The university is also home to the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership.
The 5,500+ members of the 2019 freshman class continued the trend of ever-more-impressive freshman classes at UGA.

UGA has produced an array of distinguished scholars over the years, including 24 Rhodes Scholars—third highest among Southeastern Conference universities.

- **1359** Average SAT score
- **4.0+** Average GPA
- **2,000+** Entrants to the Honors Program

It should come as no surprise, then, that the University of Georgia is recognized among the nation’s best public higher education institutions.

- **#16** U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges
- **#16** Kiplinger Magazine’s 100 Best Values in Public Colleges
- **#10** The New York Times’s College Access Index

- **7** Gates Cambridge Scholars
- **7** Marshall Scholars
- **60** Goldwater Scholars
- **21** Truman Scholars
- **19** Udall Scholars
- **56** Boren Scholars
- **171** Fulbright Student Scholars
- **4** Schwarzman Scholars
- **3** Mitchell Scholars
As Georgia’s most comprehensive research institution, the University of Georgia is a research leader in a variety of fields, from plant sciences to infectious diseases to behavioral science and beyond. UGA’s research enterprise is committed to creating healthier people, a more secure future and stronger communities.

Athens is home to preeminent researchers and innovative programs from across the spectrum.

Professor Ted Ross received an award of up to $130 million from the National Institutes of Health in 2019 to develop a universal flu vaccine. Ross also leads UGA’s efforts to develop vaccines and immunotherapies for the novel coronavirus.

Distinguished Research Professor Jessie Kissinger won two awards in 2019 totaling up to $16.2 million to develop health informatics databases.

Associate professor David Okech has been awarded nearly $20 million since 2018 from the U.S. Department of State to combat human trafficking.

The Willson Center for Humanities and Art has received more than $600,000 since 2018 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

UGA’s Innovation District received $2.5 million in 2020 to develop their hub location on campus and ignite innovation efforts through new collaborations between students, faculty and industry partners.

UGA’s investment in research is at an all-time high.

$477.5 MILLION in FY 19 R&D expenditures, more than a 34% INCREASE over five years.

UGA is America’s top university in bringing new products to market annually.

To date, more than 775 PRODUCTS based on UGA research.

And UGA research helps entrepreneurs achieve their dreams.

More than 175 COMPANIES launched based on UGA research.
The UGA Alumni Association advances the academic excellence, interests and traditions of Georgia’s flagship university by inspiring engagement through relevant programming, enhanced connections and effective communications. It’s a network over 327,000+ strong with chapters around the globe and counts among its number artists, business leaders, diplomats, doctors, educators, engineers, and countless others.

- Dan Amos (BBA ’73)
  CEO/AFLAC
- Alton Brown (AB ’04)
  Chef, Food Network host
- Chip Caray (ABJ ’87)
  Sports broadcaster, Fox Sports South
- A.D. “Pete” Correll (BBA ’63)
  Retired Board Chairman/Georgia-Pacific Corp.
- Terrell Davis (BSFCS ’95)
  Retired NFL player, Denver Broncos, Member of Pro Football Hall of Fame
- M. Douglas Ivester (BBA ’69)
  Former Chairman and CEO/Coca-Cola Co.
- Jianguo “Jack” Liu (PHD ’92)
  Director and sustainability scholar, Michigan State University
- Dr. Faida Mitifu (PHD ’94)
  Congolese Ambassador to the U.S.
- Dr. Lee M. Myers (DVM ’84)
  Working abroad in Rome, Italy for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- William P. “Billy” Payne (AB ’69, JD ’73)
  President and CEO/The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games
- Deborah Roberts (ABJ ’82)
  Producer and Correspondent/ABC News
- Michael Stipe (M’ 82)
  Lead singer of R.E.M.
- Maria Taylor (ABJ ’09 , MBA ’13)
  Co-host of SEC Network’s “SEC Nation”
- Natasha Trethewey (AB ’89)
  United States Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winner
- Bubba Watson (BSFCS ’08)
  Winner of the Masters tournament in 2012 and 2014
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT & HISTORY

National championships in

- Tennis (men’s and women’s)
- Golf (men’s and women’s)
- Equestrian
- Baseball
- Football
- Gymnastics (NCAA record 10 championships)
- Swimming & Diving (women’s)

45 National Championships

9 Men’s varsity sports
12 Women’s varsity sports

Founding member of the Southeastern Conference

10 Top-Ten Directors’ Cup finishes

National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics award for colleges and universities with the most athletic success.
UGA app

The UGA app is a helpful tool for anyone visiting campus, with a campus map, real-time parking availability info, campus event listings and more.

UGA.edu

Whether you’re a student, parent, alum, donor, or just curious about the university, UGA.edu is your first stop for information on the University of Georgia.

give.uga.edu

Find out exactly how much impact private giving has at UGA and become part of the university’s mission to improve communities all over the world.

G Book app

Explore UGA’s traditions with this app, which encourages UGA students to connect with the events, locations and organizations that make up UGA’s rich culture.

alumni.uga.edu

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ItStartsWith.uga.edu

UGA knows that improving the world starts at home. Empowering community leaders, partnering with small businesses, and turning research into solutions—it starts with Georgia.