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Message from the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in pursuing your graduate education at the University of Georgia (UGA). Ranked as one of the top 20 public colleges and universities by the *U.S. News and World Report* and located in beautiful Athens, Ga., UGA is the flagship institution in the University System of Georgia and the birthplace of public higher education. UGA is classified as a Doctoral University with the Highest Research activity by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. With more than 300 graduate programs and certificates at the master's and doctoral levels, I am certain that UGA can help prepare you for a successful career of your choice. The information in this brochure will give you a snapshot of the programs and resources available to graduate students at UGA. I hope this information will help you decide to join us and I look forward to welcoming you to the Bulldog family.

Sincerely,

Ron Walcott

Vice Provost for Graduate Education
and Dean of the Graduate School

About UGA

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 and research, the University of Georgia tackles some of the world's grand challenges, from combating infectious disease and creating a dependable food supply to advancing economic growth and strengthening cyber and global security.

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1st state-chartered university & the birthplace of the American system of public higher education

In 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, UGA received the

HEED Award

honoring excellence in diversity efforts.

762 acres make up UGA's main campus

850+ products in the marketplace based on discoveries by UGA scientists

UGA's Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication is the home of the

Peabody Awards.

143

Fulbright Scholars in the 2019-20 school year making UGA a consistent top producer of U.S. Fulbright Students.

15th

among nation's top public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges 2021 edition

UGA is composed of

17

schools & colleges

25

Rhodes Scholars

\$6.5 Billion

Economic Impact on the State of Georgia

\$495 Million

Research & Development Funding

About the Graduate School



Brooks Hall, Home of the Graduate School

Established in 1910, the Graduate School oversees all of the graduate programs offered at UGA. Our faculty and administrators coordinate world-class graduate programs so that you receive a quality education in addition to a valuable graduate degree. The Graduate School works to create a smooth transition for new students while providing support throughout the duration of the graduate student experience from recruitment to graduation.

At UGA, you will experience unique research and professional development opportunities with real-world applications at one of UGA's five campuses. University of Georgia graduate students also have the opportunity to work within highly acclaimed research centers such as the [Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History](#) and the [Savannah River Ecology Laboratory](#). For students seeking distance education, the Graduate School provides online graduate programs; these programs are ranked fifth in online graduate education programs by *U.S. News & World Report* (2019). You will have access to state-of-the-art facilities such as UGA's libraries, the Science Learning Center, and Miller Learning Center, which is one of the largest and most technologically-advanced facilities on an American university campus. The Graduate School welcomes students of all backgrounds. Each unique story contributes to the scholarly and diverse culture offered at UGA's Graduate School. To view our campus, please visit the [UGA Graduate School Virtual Campus Tour](#).

Visit grad.uga.edu for a list of academic programs, admissions requirements, and to begin your online application.

Why Choose UGA for Graduate School?

90+ Doctoral Programs	140+ Master's Programs	10+ Online Degree Programs	80+ Interdisciplinary Programs & Certificates
3MT[®] Three Minute Thesis Competition	Professional Development Seminars	Teaching Portfolio	Experiential Professional Development
		Dissertation Boot Camp	

Extended Campuses



The University of Georgia Terry Executive Education Center is Terry College's "home away from home" in the Buckhead district of Atlanta. Designed and constructed to maximize the educational experience, the 38,000 square foot facility boasts modern conference rooms, a 120-capacity special events space, interview suites, private break-out rooms, and tiered executive classrooms.

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The University of Georgia Griffin Campus, originally established as the Georgia Experiment Station in 1888, has played an integral role in the development of modern agriculture. While the campus is mostly known for its groundbreaking advancements in agricultural and environmental sciences, UGA Griffin began offering degree-completion programs in 2005. Students at UGA-Griffin enjoy low student-to-faculty ratios, and many students are able to take advantage of on-campus work and directed research opportunities so that they can gain real-world work experience while earning their University of Georgia degree.



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The University of Georgia Gwinnett Campus is a highly accessible and vibrant center of advanced learning for working professionals in the greater Atlanta and northeast Georgia area. Located in Lawrenceville, UGA Gwinnett offers 14 graduate degree programs and many professional development opportunities. The academic programs at UGA Gwinnett provide students with low student-to-faculty ratios, which allows personalized instruction from highly qualified faculty.

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Extended Campuses

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The University of Georgia Tifton Campus lies in the heart of South Georgia agriculture. It's also the home of the **Coastal Plain Experiment Station** and the **UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center**. Scientists on the Tifton campus primarily focus their projects on production agriculture. These projects include, but are not limited to, research on Georgia's main row crops: cotton, peanuts, pecans, small grains, soybeans and vegetables. Tifton campus researchers also conduct leading research in the areas of plant breeding, integrated pest management, irrigation, and precision agriculture. UGA graduate students pursuing their research on the Tifton Campus have easy access to excellent facilities, university farms, and cooperating growers. UGA Tifton researchers and scientists are preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders to take the world's stage.

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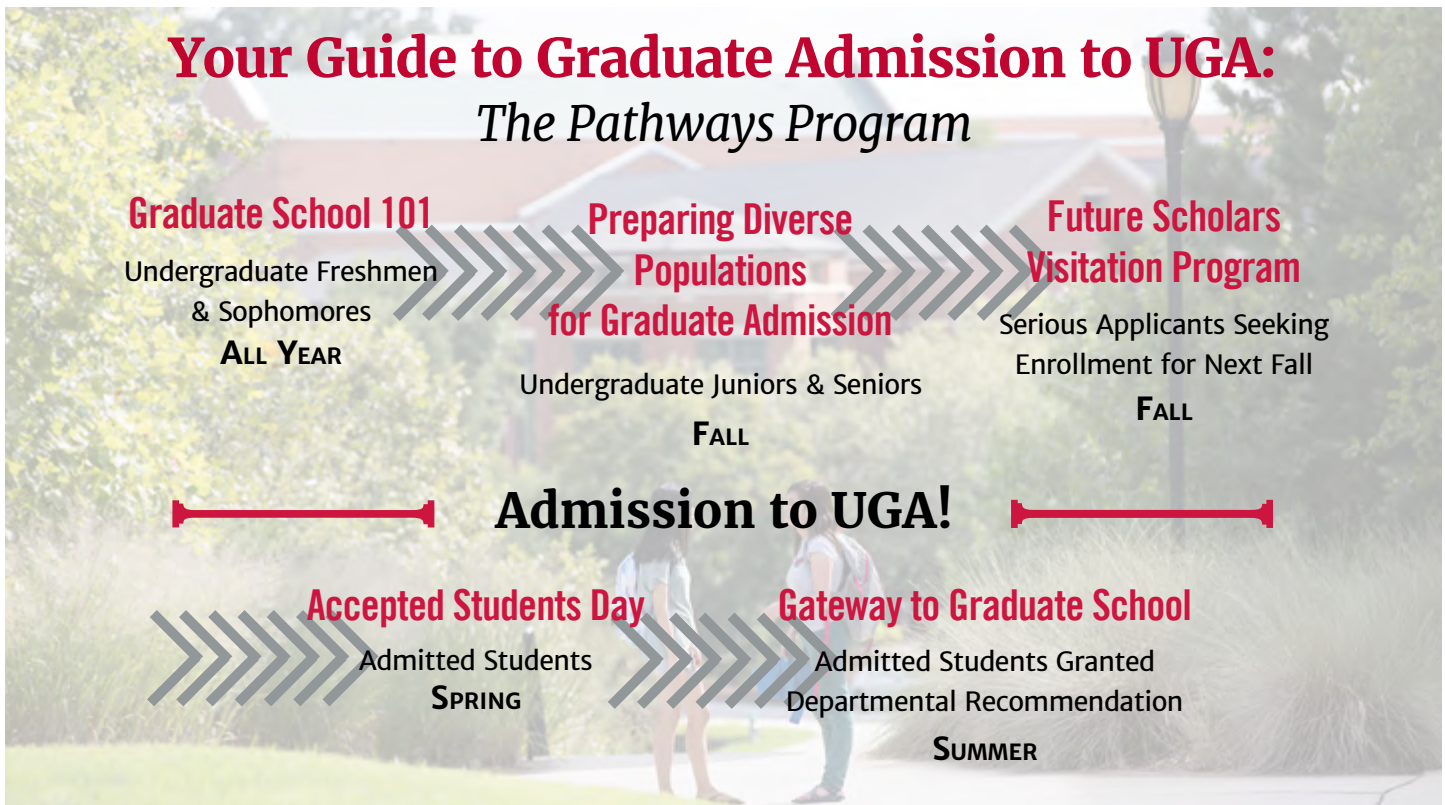
The University of Georgia Online Campus extends the opportunity for all manner of learners to enroll in graduate certificates and degree programs from wherever they live and work. UGA Online offers a growing number of top-ranked degrees and certificate programs taught by some of the brightest minds in their fields. These programs are developed by UGA faculty using online learning tools to create engaging and interactive programs that consider the needs of learners seeking more flexible options.

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Commitment to Diversity

While striving to increase overall enrollment, the Graduate School also seeks to promote diversity by encouraging the enrollment of students from historically underrepresented groups. The Graduate School’s definition of underrepresented includes race/ethnicity, gender within discipline, first generation, non-traditional age, and/or a self-identified aspect of a uniquely diverse background. We offer several programs targeted to students from underrepresented backgrounds under the banner of the “Pathways Program.” Additionally, through the Pathways Program, the Graduate School sponsors academic, professional, and social workshops and activities for current students.



Graduate Feeder Program

The Feeder partnership program provides an avenue for students and alumni from specific Historically Black Colleges and Universities to transition into [graduate studies](#) at UGA. Prospective students receive an application fee waiver and invitations to our recruitment events. Admitted students are automatically considered for a Graduate School assistantship and structured mentorship.

Feeder Schools

- Albany State University
- Florida A&M University
- Fort Valley State University
- Morehouse College
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Spelman College

Diversity by the Numbers

20th

in doctoral degrees in psychology conferred upon students that identify with two or more races

2nd

in doctoral degrees in Family & Consumer Science conferred upon students identifying with two or more races

7th

in doctoral degrees in Agriculture conferred upon Hispanic students

14th

in doctoral degrees in public health conferred upon African-American students

14th

in master's degrees in Foreign Languages, Literature, & Linguistics conferred upon African-American students

5th

in master's degrees in Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, & related sciences conferred upon African-American students

26th

in master's degrees in Natural Resources & Conservation conferred upon African-American students

16th

in doctoral degrees conferred upon African-American students

Source: *Diverse Issues in Higher Education (2020)*

International Students

The department of [International Student Life](#) (ISL) focuses on assisting international students in their transition to the United States and UGA. ISL also offers leadership opportunities for international and non-international students as well as intercultural programs. ISL provides a specialized orientation for international students each August and January. Please visit isl.uga.edu for more information.

- The [Office of Global Engagement](#) is your resource for questions about U.S. legal status, academic, and employment opportunities.
- Free access to UGA's [Campus Transit](#) and [Athens Transit](#)
- University Village Community - [University Housing](#)

Veterans

To position students for success, UGA's [Student Veterans Resource Center](#) (SVRC) serves as the go-to location for sensemaking, wayfinding, and entry into an array of services provided by the university and community, while offering wide-ranging support and advocacy. SVRC provides:

- a central point of contact supported by a service desk staffed by student veterans
- an evolving network of partnerships working to improve the student veteran experience
- a broad menu of awards, scholarships, emergency funds, and grants for student veterans
- wide-ranging programming to include receptions, peer2peer opportunities, and consults
- veteran readiness coaching that includes resume development, networking, and branding
- a dedicated veteran's lounge (Tate 484) with a TV, comfortable furniture, and a bistro table
- adjacent conference room, veteran study kiosks, computers, printers, microwave, and refrigerator

Tuition & Fees

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is an estimate of the total amount of your educational expenses for the period of enrollment:

<https://osfa.uga.edu/costs/>

About Athens, Ga.

Athens boasts more than Georgia's flagship university and its beloved Bulldogs. The city offers unique local restaurants, art and cultural centers, businesses, and of course, a thriving music scene. Students can study in local coffee shops or take a short drive from campus and walk through the State Botanical Gardens. Athens experiences mild winters with warm weather spring through fall. The weather creates the perfect environment to line the streets for the [Twilight Criterium](#), an 80K (50 miles) cycling race through the streets of downtown Athens each spring. This event attracts cyclists from around the world. Atlanta is only a 60-mile drive from the Athens campus so trips to the airport or to see any of the state capital's many attractions are easy to make any day of the week. Graduate students can also quickly escape to the hiking trails, campgrounds, and lakes located in the Northeast Georgia Mountains.

Music aficionados flock to the [40 Watt Club](#) and the [Georgia Theater](#) to see local musicians and popular bands play any night of the week. *Rolling Stone* named Athens' 40 Watt Club as one of the Best Clubs in America in 2013. The 40 Watt was also named one of America's Coolest Music Venues by *Travel + Leisure* in 2014. The touted music scene thrives in the spring and summer. [AthFest](#) and the [Slingshot Festival](#) welcome musicians to play in venues throughout downtown Athens. [The Classic Center](#) and the [Foundry](#) also welcome locally and nationally renowned acts in addition to [UGA's Performing Arts Center](#), [Fine Arts Department](#), and the [Hugh Hodgson School of Music](#).

Beyond UGA's award-winning dining halls, local restaurants serve unique cuisine in the vibrant Athens atmosphere. *Thrillist* named Athens one of their Best College Towns for Food & Drink in 2015. *Southern Living* dubbed town staple [Mama's Boy](#) one of "The South's Best Biscuit Joints" in 2014. Athens is also home to two of Chef Hugh Acheson's restaurants, [The National](#) and [5&10](#). Chef Acheson was featured in *GQ* magazine in 2012 and claimed two James Beard Awards in 2012 for Best Chef Southeast and Best Cookbook for *A New Turn in the South*.

Plan a visit to see what else the Classic City has to offer (visitathensga.com).

8,463*
Graduate Students

**As of Fall 2020*

5,176 Female Students	3,270 Male Students
1,445 International Students	1,935 Total Minority
5,992 Full-Time Students	2,471 Part-Time Students

How to Apply

The University of Georgia Graduate School requires that applicants have a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association or its international equivalent prior to the expected semester of matriculation. Before you apply, talk to the graduate coordinator of your program of interest to gauge whether or not the program is a good fit. Be sure to verify the application deadline for the department, as that date is most likely earlier than the Graduate School's final deadline.

Apply!



Funding Opportunities

Continuing your education can come at a large cost to students and their families. Students in need of financial assistance during their graduate study at UGA have several avenues for funding:

Assistantships

- awarded competitively to qualified graduate students
- require research, part-time teaching, academic or administrative duties
- reduced tuition (\$25)
- paid monthly stipend

Scholarships & Fellowships

- grant-in-aid to a student
- specific area of study
- based on academic achievement, teaching, or financial need
- internal to the university or external (private or government sponsorships)

Awards

- emphasize specific areas of study
- recognize outstanding research
- acknowledge quality students already in a program

For more information, visit the [Graduate School Financial Information Web Page](#).

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