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at the University of Georgia



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Welcome from Ron Walcott, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School



The Graduate School is deeply committed to promoting an inclusive environment in which all our students will thrive. Our mission is to foster excellence in graduate education that prepares intellectual leaders to make a lasting, positive impact in our world.

UGA is the flagship institution in the University System of Georgia and the birthplace of public higher education. Additionally, UGA is ranked as one of the top 16 public colleges and universities by the *U.S. News and World Report* and among the top 10 according to *Niche*. Several of UGA's more than 300 graduate certificates and programs, including master's, doctoral, and specialist degrees, are ranked among the top 10 in the nation.

UGA's main campus is located in Athens, Georgia, a quintessential college town that was ranked as "The South's Best College Town 2022" by *Southern Living*. We also have wonderful extended campuses located in the Atlanta metro area ([Buckhead](#), [Griffin](#), and [Gwinnett](#)) and in South Georgia ([Tifton](#)). In addition, we offer an expanding array of excellent [online](#) programs that are [ranked third nationally among all institutions](#), both public and private.

The UGA Graduate School offers a wide range of resources to help our students succeed. Most notably, our new [GradFIRST seminar series](#) helps new students develop supportive networks and acquire transdisciplinary skills and knowledge that will positively enhance their graduate studies and professional development.

This brochure will give you an overview of the programs and resources available to graduate students at UGA. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the staff of the Graduate School. We look forward to welcoming you to the Bulldog family.

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 and the birthplace of the American system of public higher education

In 2014–2022, 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

16th

among nation's top public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges 2022 edition

UGA is composed of

18

schools and colleges

25

Rhodes Scholars

\$7.4 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 admissions 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. 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 grad.uga.edu and take a Virtual Campus Tour with us. For students seeking distance education, the Graduate School provides online graduate programs, which are ranked third in online graduate education programs and third in online graduate business programs (non-MBA) by *U.S. News & World Report* (2022).

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	20+ Online Degree Programs OR 35+ Online Degrees & Certificates	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 offers more than 35 degrees and certificates to adult learners worldwide. Our distinguished faculty members provide relevant perspectives that equip students with the skills necessary to make an impact in their respective fields. Through the flexibility of online coursework, adult learners across the globe can advance their careers and increase their opportunities to achieve personal and professional success as part of the extensive UGA alumni network.

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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 populations within the discipline, including first-generation college students. We offer the following programming targeted to prospective and admitted students.

Graduate School 101

Designed for first- and second-year students

Graduate School 101 is a workshop specifically designed to introduce underrepresented and first-generation college first- and second-year students to the world of graduate education. The goal of the workshop is to inspire students to begin planning for a future with graduate school in mind.

Preparing Diverse Populations for Graduate Admission

Designed for undergraduate third- and fourth-year students and students taking a gap year

Preparing Diverse Populations for Graduate Admission is designed to help facilitate the successful completion of graduate school applications. Through interactive presentations and group discussion, students will be provided with practical and timely information to help navigate this journey.

Future Scholars Visitation Program

The Future Scholars Visitation Program is a diversity and inclusion initiative for admitted graduate students, allowing them to visit the University of Georgia campus and their academic departments of interest. Students must be nominated by their academic department for consideration to participate.

Gateway to Graduate School

The Gateway to Graduate School Program allows incoming graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to begin their graduate education at UGA in the summer semester rather than the fall. The purpose of the Gateway Program is to provide students with an intellectual, professional, and social introduction to UGA as they transition into graduate education.

Facilitating Underrepresented Student Experience (FUSE) Partnership Program

The FUSE Partnership Program provides a supportive transition for alumni of our minority-serving institution partners (Albany State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T State University, and Spelman College). Benefits of participation in the FUSE program include an application fee waiver from the University of Georgia Graduate School and consideration for a graduate school assistantship if admitted. Students must be nominated by their institutional liaison for consideration to participate.

Diversity by the Numbers



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. For more information, please visit isl.uga.edu.

The Office of Global Engagement is your resource for questions about U.S. legal status, academic, and employment opportunities. Please visit globalengagement.uga.edu to learn more.

- Free access to UGA's Campus Transit and Athens Transit: tps.uga.edu
- University Village Community – University Housing: housing.uga.edu

Veterans

To position students for success, UGA's Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC) provides certified service members (active duty, reserves, national guard, and veterans) with a wide range of services with three main goals in mind:

1. Ease the transition to UGA
2. Improve the student veteran experience
3. Facilitate career readiness

Found in the Tate Student Center, Suite 481, or at svrc.uga.edu, we provide a central point of contact for personal well-being, coaching, and connections with our many partners focused solely on military service members and veterans. Let us open doors for you.

Tuition & Fees

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is an estimate of the total amount of your educational expenses for the period of enrollment: osfa.uga.edu/costs/.

About Athens

Named by *Southern Living* as #1 for “The South’s Best College Town 2022,” Athens, Georgia, 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).

8,304
Graduate
Students

1,648
Professional
Students

5,042
Female
Students

3,234
Male
Students

5,819
Full-time
Students

1,726
Total
Minority
Students

1,514
Total
International
Students

2,485
Part-time
Students

As of Fall 2021

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 grad.uga.edu.

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