UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

FIRST-GENERATION GUIDE TO UGA

ADMITTED & ENROLLED STUDENTS
OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVES
Welcome to UGA!

We are so thrilled that you have chosen the University of Georgia for your graduate studies. This guide will serve to provide you quick information and links to important resources on campus. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives at grecruit@uga.edu

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On behalf of the UGA Graduate School, I enthusiastically welcome all First-Generation graduate students who are boldly charting new paths for themselves and inspiring members of their families and communities. At the University of Georgia, we are deeply committed to promoting an inclusive living and learning environment in which all students can feel a sense of belonging while achieving their full academic and professional potential. Our mission is to foster excellence in graduate education that prepares future 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 currently 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 graduate 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.

I hope that this guide will help you establish a robust network within the UGA community. As always, the staff of the Graduate School are eager to assist you as needed.
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