



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST

The University of Georgia invites applications and nominations for the position of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is the University of Georgia's senior vice president and reports directly to the President. In day-to-day activities, the Provost serves as both chief academic officer and chief operating officer of the institution and advises and assists the President in all internal operations of the University, with particular attention to the development and implementation of academic initiatives. The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost also serves on institutional boards and committees and performs other duties as assigned by the President.

The vice presidents for instruction, research, public service and outreach, and information technology currently report to the Provost, as do the deans of UGA's 20 schools and colleges. In addition, three vice provosts, three associate provosts and several academic units report to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Leaders in these reporting units direct areas of broad-based responsibility: [Academic Fiscal Affairs](#), [Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness](#), [Academic Programs](#), the [Morehead Honors College](#), [Academic and Community Engagement](#), [Global Engagement](#), the [Office of Faculty Affairs](#), and the [University Libraries](#). The [Georgia Museum of Art](#), [Performing Arts Center](#), [Skidaway Institute of Oceanography](#), and the [Louise McBee Institute of Higher Education](#) also report to the Provost. Some reporting lines could be changed depending upon the qualifications, background, and strengths of the selected candidate.

The next Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost should possess a distinguished record of strategic administrative leadership in higher education and a thorough knowledge of academic administration and the programs of a large research university, particularly the land-grant and sea-grant missions of the institution. The ability to work collegially with a wide range of internal and external constituencies is critical. This individual also should have an outstanding scholarly record and the highest academic degree appropriate to his or her discipline. In addition, given UGA's expanding research enterprise and its position as a nationally recognized research university, candidates for this role must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Q-level (Top Secret) security clearance.

Organizational charts of UGA's senior administration and the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost provide further detail (see last two pages).

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

The University of Georgia (UGA), a land-grant and sea-grant university, is the most comprehensive institution of higher education in Georgia. Founded in 1785 by the Georgia General Assembly as the first state-chartered university in the country, UGA is the birthplace of public higher education in America.

The University is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. UGA is consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of America's Best Colleges. As of the start of the 2026-27 academic year (based on preliminary data), the University enrolls more than 44,000 students: approximately 33,100 undergraduates and 11,000 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 20 schools and colleges, including the new UGA School of Medicine and Victoria Kay Ivester School of Nursing.

The University of Georgia enrolled its most academically talented first-year class in history in Fall 2026. The Class of 2030 arrived with an average weighted GPA of 4.2, an average SAT score of 1360, and an average ACT score of 31. First established as an honors program in 1960 and named a college in 2021, the Morehead Honors College at the University of Georgia is one of the oldest and most well-established honors programs in the country and in 2026 was ranked No. 1 among honors programs and colleges nationally by *College Transitions*.

The University of Georgia is a national leader among public universities in the number of major scholarships earned by our students. Over the past 20 years, UGA has produced eight Rhodes Scholars; from 2021-2024, only two public universities—UGA and the University of Michigan—had three Rhodes Scholarship recipients. UGA consistently ranks among the top producers of Fulbright U.S. Students and ranked first in the nation for Boren Awards in 2026 with a record-breaking 18 student recipients. In 2025, UGA was one of the only universities nationwide to have at least one recipient of all three of the major undergraduate national awards, the Goldwater, Truman, and Udall scholarships. According to the most recent *Open Doors Report*, the University of Georgia ranks No. 1 nationally for short-term study abroad and No. 5 for overall study abroad participation.

With the recent establishment of the School of Medicine and Victoria Kay Ivester School of Nursing, UGA is now one of only nine universities in the country with Schools of Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health, and Veterinary Medicine. A comprehensive list of the University of Georgia's colleges and schools, listed in chronological order of establishment, appears below:

[Franklin College of Arts and Sciences \(1801\)](#)
[College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences \(1859\)](#)
[School of Law \(1859\)](#)
[College of Pharmacy \(1903\)](#)
[Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources \(1906\)](#)
[Mary Frances Early College of Education \(1908\)](#)
[Graduate School \(1910\)](#)
[C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business \(1912\)](#)
[Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication \(1915\)](#)
[College of Family and Consumer Sciences \(1933\)](#)
[College of Veterinary Medicine \(1946\)](#)
[School of Social Work \(1964\)](#)
[College of Environment and Design \(1969\)](#)
[School of Public and International Affairs \(2001\)](#)
[College of Public Health \(2005\)](#)
[Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology \(2007\)](#)
[College of Engineering \(2012\)](#)
[Jere W. Morehead Honors College \(2021\)](#)
[School of Medicine \(2024\)](#)
[Victoria Kay Ivester School of Nursing \(2025\)](#)

The University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges and Universities (formerly the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. In addition, several individual University departments, degree programs, and service functions are accredited by appropriate professional organizations. According to the National Science Foundation, the University of Georgia ranks 26th among all U.S. universities for the total number of doctoral degrees awarded each year. UGA ranks No. 1 nationally for the number of doctoral degrees awarded in agricultural sciences and natural resources, No. 3 for doctoral degrees awarded in education, and among the top 20 for doctoral degrees awarded in biological and biomedical sciences.

As a member of the University System of Georgia, general supervisory control is provided by the Board of Regents' executive officer, the Chancellor. However, each college or university has its own executive officer and faculty.

Select Facts & Figures

Honors and Awards (Active members):

- National Academy of Sciences members: 8 faculty
- American Academy of Arts & Sciences members: 4 faculty
- National Academy of Engineering members: 2 faculty
- National Academy of Public Administration members: 8 faculty
- National Academy of Inventors members: 9 faculty
- American Council of Learned Societies fellows: 5 faculty

Academic Offerings:

- 24 bachelor's degrees in 129 major fields
- 33 master's degrees in 122 major fields
- 1 education specialist degree in 8 major fields
- 4 doctoral degrees in 89 major fields
- 4 professional degrees in Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine
- More than 154 study abroad and exchange programs

Athletics:

- NCAA Division I, Southeastern Conference
- 8 men's varsity sports
- 11 women's varsity sports
- 55 national championships (second-most in SEC history)
- 10 national titles in the last five years
- No. 8 finish in the 2026 Learfield Directors' Cup (the second top 10 finish in the last four years)
- 187 SEC team championships
- 96 NCAA post-graduate scholarship recipients
- 2,500 Bulldogs have earned first-team All-America honors

What the College Guides Say:

U.S. News & World Report's 2027 Best Colleges edition ranks UGA 19th among public universities, the eleventh consecutive year UGA has ranked in the top 20. *The Princeton Review* rated UGA No. 12 among the top 50 best value public universities in its rankings of Best Colleges for 2027.

MISSION AND SUPPORT

The state of Georgia is the eighth-largest state in the country, with an estimated population of over 11 million in 2025. As Georgia's population continues to increase, the economic landscape of the state continues to expand and evolve.

Given the ongoing growth and development of the state of Georgia, along with increasing private support and substantial research funding, the University is experiencing rapid growth and development. Its motto, "To teach, to serve, and to inquire into the nature of things," reflects the University's commitment to the conservation and enhancement of the intellectual and environmental heritage of the state and nation.

The University is recognized as the flagship among the 25 institutions comprising the University System of Georgia. The mission of the University System of Georgia (USG) is knowledge: to create it through research, transfer it through teaching, and apply it through service.

USG System Values

- Students are our top priority.
- We create, disseminate, and apply knowledge.
- We protect freedom of inquiry and expression.
- We foster an environment where all people are free to share ideas and opinions, even those that some may find offensive.
- We value diversity of intellectual thought and expression for all.
- We are dedicated to continuous improvement.
- We hold ourselves accountable to the public and one another.
- We invest in people.

The University of Georgia shares with the other research universities of the University System of Georgia the following core characteristics:

- a statewide responsibility and commitment to excellence and academic achievements having national and international recognition;
- a commitment to excellence in a teaching/learning environment dedicated to serving a diverse and well-prepared student body, to promoting high levels of student achievement, and to providing appropriate academic support services;
- a commitment to excellence in research, scholarship, and creative endeavors that are focused on organized programs to create, maintain, and apply new knowledge and theories; that promote instructional quality and effectiveness; and that enhance institutionally relevant faculty qualifications;
- a commitment to excellence in public service, economic development, and technical assistance activities designed to address the strategic needs of the state of Georgia along with a comprehensive offering of continuing education designed to meet the needs of Georgia's citizens in life-long learning and professional education; and
- a wide range of academic and professional programming at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

Additionally, USG supports Freedom of Expression as stated in [Board Policy 06.05 Freedom of Expression and Academic Freedom](#).

With its statewide mission and core characteristics, the University of Georgia endeavors to prepare the University community and the state for full participation in the global society of the twenty-first century.

As a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant institution, the University of Georgia offers baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees in the arts, humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences, agricultural and environmental sciences, business, ecology, engineering, environmental design, family and consumer sciences, forest resources, journalism and mass communication, education, law, medicine, pharmacy, public health, social work, and veterinary medicine.

With original scholarship, basic and applied research, and creative activities constituting an essential core from which to draw, the impact of the land-grant and sea-grant mission is reflected throughout the state. Cooperative extension, continuing education, public service, experiment stations, and technology transfer are all designed to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Georgia through their roles in economic, social, and community development.

As it has been historically, the University of Georgia is responsive to the evolution of the state's educational, social, and economic needs. It aspires through its strategic planning to even closer contact and interaction with public and private institutions throughout the state as well as with the citizens it serves.

FINANCIAL FOUNDATION

In FY27, the University of Georgia has an annual budget of over \$2.5 billion, with 30% provided by the state of Georgia.

The University of Georgia remains strongly positioned for advancement. This is due to a conservative debt load, careful management of resources, and ongoing state and University System support for both the operating budget and capital funding needs. The State of Georgia has long been a leader in economic growth and development. Higher education in the state has benefited from that leadership and will continue to do so.

In FY26, the University of Georgia secured more than \$324 million in private gifts, a new record and the second consecutive year that UGA has received over \$300 million in private donations. For the first time in its history, UGA's three-year rolling fundraising average eclipsed \$300 million, representing a 62% increase in private fundraising over the past decade. The University also continued to advance its priorities of supporting student success and strengthening academic excellence in FY26 by raising \$56.6 million for scholarships and \$12.8 million for additional endowed faculty positions, adding 196 individual scholarships and 13 endowed positions, respectively. Through its *For Georgia. For Generations.* fundraising initiative, the University will continue to emphasize merit and need-based scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students while elevating the number of endowed faculty positions to recruit and retain world-class scholars.

FACILITIES

The central campus of the University of Georgia covers more than 750 acres with 480 buildings in Athens. A [physical master plan](#), which complements the University's [Strategic Plan](#), guides construction and renovation of facilities. The campus has been transformed in recent years through new construction or major renovations to enhance the academic mission. Recent capital investments have elevated the campus, with more than 2.5 million square feet of new and renovated space completed since 2020. Highlights include the Holmes-Hunter Academic Building, the multi-year Science and Ag Hill Modernization Initiative, and the Interdisciplinary STEM Research Complex, among many others.

In 2011, the University acquired an additional 56-acre campus, now known as the University of Georgia Health Sciences Campus. Today, the UGA Health Sciences Campus houses the School of Medicine and the College of Public Health, and the Victoria Kay Ivester School of Nursing is slated to soon join the campus, welcoming its inaugural class of students in Fall 2027.

Overall, the University of Georgia occupies more than 38,000 acres in Clarke County and 29 other counties across the state, including campuses in Gwinnett, Tifton, Griffin, and Atlanta. Major research facilities are located in Tifton, Griffin, Skidaway Island, and Sapelo Island. UGA operates Cooperative Extension Service offices in 157 counties around the state, putting the expertise of the University of Georgia within reach of virtually every state citizen. The University also has extended study locations in Oxford, England; Cortona, Italy; and Washington, DC.

The University's commitment to maintenance of its facilities is well recognized, with numerous awards for historic preservation and architectural achievement. In addition, incoming students commonly cite the beauty of the grounds as a primary factor in their decision to attend the University of Georgia.

FOCUS ON RESEARCH

The University of Georgia's research and development (R&D) expenditures totaled \$654 million in FY25, a new record and a 74% increase since 2015. Meanwhile, sponsored awards in FY25 totaled \$392 million, an increase of 75% over the past decade. Principal funding sources for UGA researchers include the NIH, NSF, and Department of Agriculture, which together provided over 70% of federal research awards to UGA during FY25. Some research areas consistently garnering the largest external funds have been biomedical research, especially in infectious and tropical diseases, as well as cancer and stem cell biology; plant biology and genomics, with notable applications to food crops and bioenergy; and the behavioral sciences, including health services and delivery. In FY25, UGA's federal R&D expenditures rose 11% from the prior year, and the University saw its largest year-over-year percentage growth from the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, and NSF, among other agencies.

Data from the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) confirm that a successful focus on technology transfer is a distinguishing feature of the UGA research enterprise. In the most recent AUTM report released in Fall 2025, UGA ranked No. 1 among all U.S. universities for new products reaching the market, the fourth consecutive year that UGA has secured the top position nationally. UGA ranked 5th among all U.S. universities for the number of active licenses with industry, marking 19 consecutive years in the top 10 of this ranking. In addition, UGA rated 17th among U.S. universities for total licensing revenue, which reached more than \$19 million in FY25, and has ranked among the top 20 public universities for 22 consecutive years. Technology licensing from a diverse portfolio representing agriculture, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and diagnostics generated more than \$120 million in revenue over the past decade. In total, over 1,300 commercial products and 250 startup companies have originated from UGA research. A longstanding partnership with the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) further strengthens UGA's research enterprise, providing a distinctive resource for recruiting nationally and internationally renowned researchers and building areas of excellence that advance the University's research impact, innovation, and national prominence.

A strong catalyst for innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship at the University of Georgia is the Innovation District. Located at the intersection of UGA's historic North Campus and downtown Athens, the Innovation District is a comprehensive ecosystem of people, programs, and places designed to foster entrepreneurship and the commercialization of ideas across the UGA community. The Innovation District is anchored by the Delta Innovation Hub—a 10,000 square foot incubator and accelerator space that fosters faculty-led commercialization and startups—and Studio 225, the site of the UGA Entrepreneurship Program, which serves nearly 1,000 students through classes, mentorship, and startup accelerators.

EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AND STAFF

As of Fall 2025, the University of Georgia employed 12,165 full-time and part-time faculty and staff. Of the 3,354 full-time faculty, 1,337 were in tenured positions and 437 were in tenure-track positions. The full-time faculty consisted of 91% with terminal degrees. Full-time staff includes 7,724 positions with the remaining balance of 1,087 part-time positions of both faculty and staff.

The University of Georgia's President has placed a high priority on increasing the number of endowed chairs and professorships in recent years. Over the past five years, 98 new endowed positions have been added, bringing the total number to 420. Over the past decade, the number of endowed faculty positions has increased by 60%. Several recent faculty hiring initiatives have focused on interdisciplinary scholars and extraordinary researchers in areas of strategic importance, while investments in the student learning experience and areas of strong enrollment growth have further strengthened the faculty ranks. In addition, eight new Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars have joined UGA in the past five years, bringing to 18 the total number of distinguished GRA Eminent Scholars at the University.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

The University of Georgia is becoming increasingly selective, and its students compete with the very best students in the nation for coveted slots in highly selective graduate and professional schools, as well as exciting careers. Clear evidence of this is the great success UGA students have enjoyed in the past two decades in external major scholarship competitions such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates Cambridge, Truman, Goldwater, Udall, Fulbright, Schwarzman, and Boren scholarship and fellowship competitions, among others.

One of the most successful education initiatives in Georgia history, the lottery-funded Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally Scholarship Program (commonly known as HOPE), celebrated its 33rd anniversary in June 2026. This innovative merit-based scholarship covers most of the cost of tuition for students who graduate with a B average from high school and maintain that average while enrolled in any of Georgia's public colleges, universities, or technical colleges. Meanwhile, the Zell Miller Scholarship, introduced in 2011 by the Georgia General Assembly, offers robust, full-tuition financial support for incoming students with exemplary academic credentials. About 99% of in-state freshmen at UGA receive the HOPE or Zell Miller scholarships. In addition, UGA's Georgia Commitment Scholarship initiative has created over 1,000 need-based scholarships since the program was launched in 2017. Furthermore, the University's *For Georgia. For Generations.* scholarship initiative has now raised nearly \$57 million to support both need- and merit-based scholarships for current and future Bulldogs.

A campus-wide active learning initiative is promoting higher levels of student engagement and success by transforming traditional classrooms into environments that foster critical thinking, discussion, and teamwork. All UGA undergraduates are required to fulfill an experiential learning requirement to connect their academic foundations to the world beyond the classroom through creative endeavors, study abroad and field study, internship and leadership opportunities, faculty-mentored research, and service-learning. Students also enjoy robust co-curricular learning and engagement opportunities through UGA's more than 900 student organizations, residential life, cultural resource centers, and diverse campus programming.

A growing number of students are also taking advantage of the University's Double Dawgs program, which enables accomplished students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in five years. More than 380 joint degree pathways have been approved by the faculty through the Double Dawgs program. UGA students are completing their degrees at a high level of success with a 90% completion rate within six years, making UGA one of only nine public universities nationally with a six-year graduation rate of 90% or higher. In addition, 95% of UGA graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.

ALUMNI

The Alumni Association was founded in 1834 and currently has more than 50 chapters worldwide. It is the oldest such group in the Southeastern United States and the fourth oldest in the nation. There are more than 381,000 living alumni of the University of Georgia. The Alumni Association's goal is to provide regional programs to promote the interest and welfare of UGA, the community, and alumni. The Association provides alumni and students with the opportunity to network and reconnect with old friends and their alma mater.

COMMUNITY

The city of Athens, named after the ancient Greek center of higher learning, was chartered in 1806. Athens and the University have matured hand-in-hand over the years, developing a uniquely urbane culture that visitors can experience through historic districts, house museums, and historic landmarks. Athens boasts 15 neighborhoods on the National Register of Historic Places.

With a population of approximately 129,000 and located only 65 miles from downtown Atlanta, Athens offers a perfect harmony of old and new: Greek Revival architecture, contemporary art and eclectic nightlife, a Victorian-era downtown teeming with locally owned shops, and one of the region's most progressive culinary scenes.

By night, Athens is alive with a variety of music clubs that offer entertainment suited to every taste. Influential bands such as the B-52's, R.E.M., and Widespread Panic put Athens on the map of the national music scene. The city now hosts hundreds of active bands, with recording studios and several independent music labels. Coupled with the University of Georgia's abundant arts opportunities—showcased during the [annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival](#)—the local Athens community provides one of the most diverse and affordable music and arts scenes in the country.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NEXT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

The next Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost should possess:

- Thorough knowledge of academic administration and the programs of a large research university;
- A distinguished record of strategic administrative leadership in higher education at a peer or aspirational-level institution;
- Detailed understanding and appreciation of the land-grant and sea-grant missions of the institution;
- Strong understanding of collegiate learning and a commitment to high-quality instruction;
- Strong understanding of the academic research enterprise and a commitment to expanding the institution's positive impact through research and scholarship;
- Experience in working collegially with a wide variety of internal and external constituencies;
- Sincere appreciation for the various audiences constituting the University community;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- An outstanding scholarly record; and
- The highest academic degree appropriate to his or her discipline.

The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost should demonstrate an ability to execute in the following areas:

- Leading the University effectively toward its tripartite goals of excellence in teaching, research, and service;
- Promoting academic excellence through inspirational leadership and exceptional management skills;
- Participating in occasional fundraising and other development activities;
- Working collaboratively with others in adapting to the many changes facing higher education today;
- Understanding current and future trends in instructional delivery;
- Providing leadership in promoting teaching and learning, research, and service initiatives;
- Demonstrating a rich knowledge of university planning, assessment, accreditation, academic programming, institutional research and the multiple demands facing faculty members in a modern research university.

PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

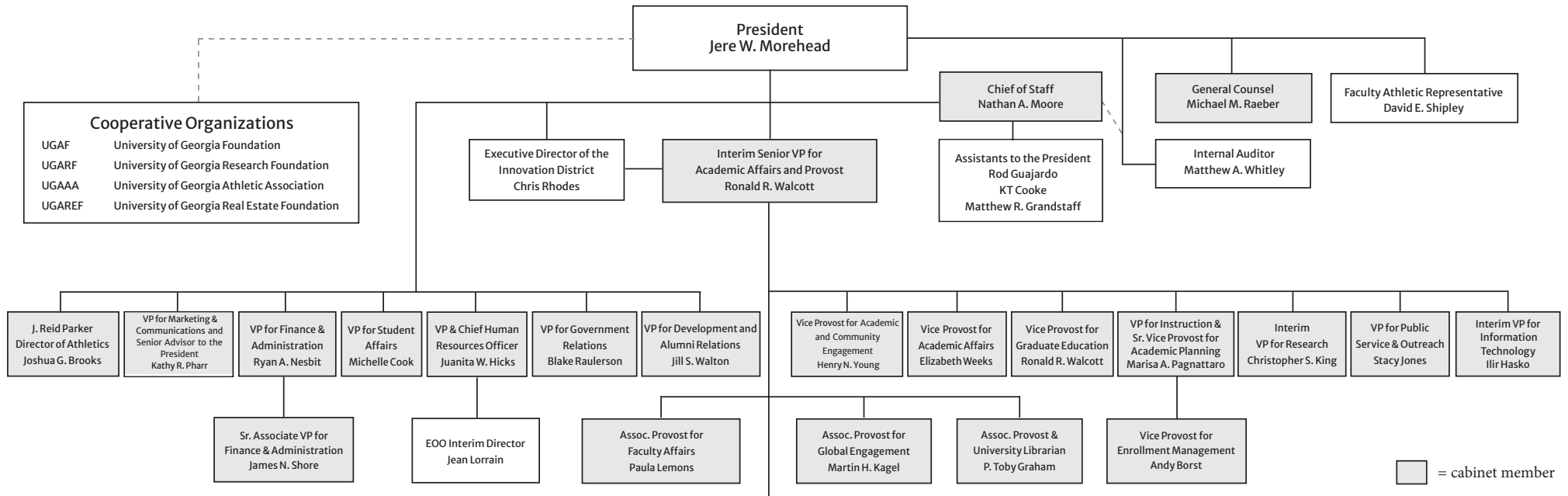
The University of Georgia invites letters of nomination and applications (letter of interest, full resume/CV, and contact information of at least five references) to be submitted to the search firm assisting the University. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications are submitted before December 1, 2026. Please submit electronic applications directly to Parker Executive Search. For additional information, please contact:

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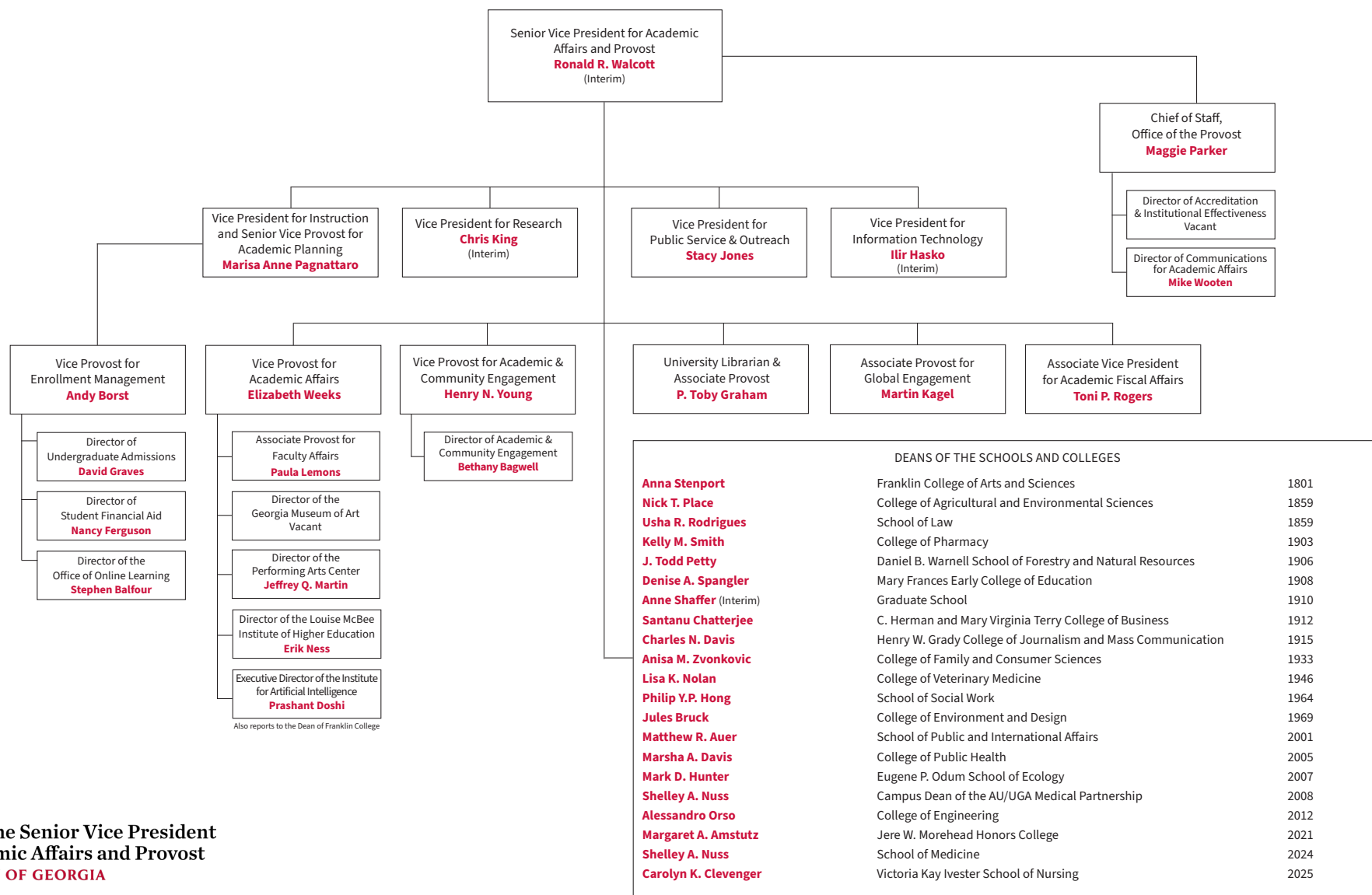
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DEANS		
Anna W. Stenport	Franklin College of Arts and Sciences	1801
Nick T. Place	College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	1859
Usha R. Rodrigues	School of Law	1859
Kelly M. Smith	College of Pharmacy	1903
J. Todd Petty	Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources	1906
Denise A. Spangler	Mary Frances Early College of Education	1908
Ronald R. Walcott	Graduate School	1910
Santanu Chatterjee	C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business	1912
Charles N. Davis	Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication	1915
Anisa M. Zvonkovic	College of Family and Consumer Sciences	1933
Lisa K. Nolan	College of Veterinary Medicine	1946
Philip Y.P. Hong	School of Social Work	1964
Jules Bruck	College of Environment and Design	1969
Matthew R. Auer	School of Public and International Affairs	2001
Marsha A. Davis	College of Public Health	2005
Mark D. Hunter	Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology	2007
Michelle A. Nuss	Campus Dean of the AU/UGA Medical Partnership	2008
Alessandro Orso	College of Engineering	2012
Margaret A. Amstutz	Jere W. Morehead Honors College	2021
*Michelle A. Nuss	School of Medicine	2024
Carolyn K. Clevenger	Victoria Kay Ivester School of Nursing	2025

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