

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23TH, 2024

The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO CLASS!

UGA Welcomes Class of 2028

This semester, the University of Georgia welcomed 6,175 first-year students from more than 43,000 applicants. It's one of most academically qualified classes in the university's history, and the numbers are on target with UGA's new [strategic enrollment plan](#).

The incoming class includes students from 463 Georgia high schools, 144 Georgia counties (out of 159), 44 states and 12 nations. Approximately 80% of the first-year students are Georgia residents, a percentage far above that of many other state flagship institutions in the country. This year, 25% of incoming first-year students are considered first-generation students, which means neither of their parents have earned a four-year college degree.

More than 2,000 transfer students also are beginning their studies at the university this week, an increase of almost 18% from the previous year. Approximately one-fourth of UGA's graduates enter the university as transfer students.

"We are thrilled to welcome this talented and inspiring class of first-year students to the University of Georgia," said President Jere W. Morehead. "I look forward to their contributions to our campus, our state and the world as they pursue their diverse academic and career paths at UGA."



"UGA's incoming class is once again very impressive," said Marisa Pagnattaro, vice president for instruction and senior vice provost for academic planning. "Our focus on student success is designed to meet the ever-changing needs of our students, and we look forward to introducing the Class of 2028 to our world-class faculty and innovative teaching and learning initiatives."

[Read more about UGA's incoming class here!](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM UGA PRESIDENT JERE MOREHEAD



Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to the University of Georgia. As we embark on the 2024-25 academic year, we reaffirm our dedication to transforming lives and strengthening communities through UGA's core missions of teaching, research, and service. This year, let us challenge ourselves to accomplish even more and to fully realize the extraordinary potential that lies within each of us. Together, we can continue to elevate UGA to even greater heights.


I look forward to a year of growth, discovery, and unparalleled achievement.

Best wishes and Go Dawgs!

Jere W. Morehead
President


NEW SEMESTER, NEW RESOURCES

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance the student experience on campus, UGA is launching Dawg Source, a one-stop hybrid service model that provides resources to support students from pre-enrollment through graduation in person and online. Do you have questions about opportunities at UGA? Do you need to access your student information quickly? Dawg Source will offer easy access to this information straight from the UGA App. Use Dawg Source to streamline your experience while learning and living at UGA.



Whether you're just starting your journey at UGA, a current student, or a recent graduate, **our updated app is designed with your needs in mind.**

Explore UGA's **NEW** one-stop shop on the UGA app or visit Student Care & Outreach.

Download the app here: 



Free professional photo booth:

Professional photos are a must-have for any LinkedIn account, but they can also be used for websites, portfolios, conference presentations, and more! The problem is finding the time and resources to get a professional photo taken. That's why the UGA Career Center is proud to present our free, self-service photo booth.

Drop by the UGA Career Center 2nd Floor in Clark Howell Hall to take your photos! The booth is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM.

No appointment necessary!



Transportation Update Oconee Street

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has completed its work to upgrade the culvert on Oconee Street near the Farmer's Exchange building in downtown Athens. All lanes on Oconee Street and Foundry Street are now reopened.

Please continue to be mindful of other travelers and plan accordingly for extended commute times due to increased traffic from students, faculty, staff, and visitors navigating campus and adjusting to the fall semester.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



August 24th
State Botanical
Garden

The Great Southeast Pollinator Census is a historical initiative where citizens across the southeast record numbers and types of pollinators. The census was designed for everyone to participate and make a difference for our pollinator populations.



August 27 & 29
Tate Student Center
7:00 - 10:00pm

UGA's Fall Engagement Fairs will take place on Tuesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 29 from 7pm – 10pm in Tate Student Center. Each night will feature a unique group of over 200 student organizations and involvement opportunities at UGA.



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UGA Academic Advisor Wins National Award

Ryan Smith, Geog. Academic Advisor, wins Outstanding New Advisor Award



Ryan Smith, academic advisor for Geography and Art in the UGA Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, has been selected as a recipient of the NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Award. Smith received the UGA Outstanding New Advisor Award in spring 2024, which made him UGA's nominee for the global NACADA award. His award will be presented in a ceremony at the NACADA Annual Conference this October.

Established in 1983, the [NACADA Global Awards Program](#) honors individuals and institutions making a significant impact on academic advising. NACADA is a representative and advocate of academic advising and those providing that service to higher education. Smith is a 2024 winner of the Outstanding New Advisor Award - Primary Role. UGA advisors have been recognized with multiple Certificate of Merit Awards in recent years and an Outstanding New Advisor Award in 2021-22.

"This is a wonderful distinction not only for Ryan but also for the Office of Student Academic Services, the Franklin College, and UGA as a whole," said Diane Miller. "Ryan is an exceptional advisor who has earned the respect of his faculty and staff colleagues and become indispensable to them as well as his advisees. The consistent excellence of his work and the impact he has on students' lives make him tremendously deserving of this honor."

"I am beyond grateful to my students in Geography, Interior Design, Photography, and Printmaking for inspiring me, making me laugh every day, and helping me find my place in the world. They make my job not just rewarding, but a blast," Smith said. "And receiving this award would have been impossible without the help of Dr. Diane Miller, Greg Kline, the Art and Geography faculty and staff, and all of my fellow advisors."

"Consistent excellence in our advising corps delivers great service to our students as individuals with specific interests and combinations of courses, majors, and minors to achieve their goals," said Anna Stenport, dean of the Franklin College. "Ryan Smith exemplifies this standard of excellence and I congratulate him on behalf of faculty and students of the entire university. This award serves as a major testament to the thorough-going commitment to our students."

This article was written by Alan Flurry and originally appeared in The Franklin Chronicles, Franklin College's news blog.

[Click here to read more about all the interesting things happening in Franklin College!](#)

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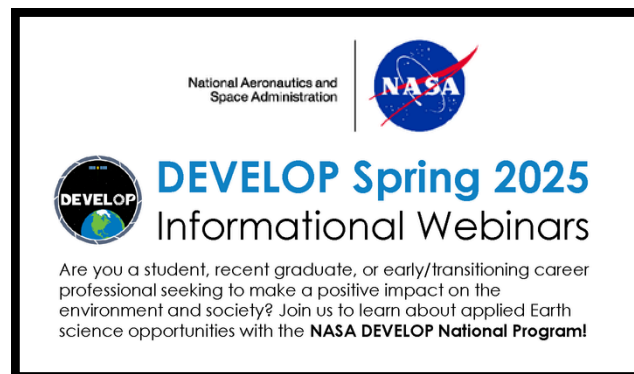
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September 9th
Moore Hall
10-11 am

CURO is open to all undergraduates pursuing faculty-mentored research. Attend a CURO information session to learn more about undergraduate research at UGA



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- [Upcoming Awards and Scholarships for Graduate Students](#)

There are many awards and scholarships available to grad students throughout the year. Please keep an eye on the links below and reach out to our Graduate Administrator, Fabiana Hayden, if you intend to apply for any of these during this academic year. Please submit requests/applications at least 2 weeks in advance of the deadline.

[Competitive Internal Awards – UGA Office of Research](#)

[Graduate School Awards - UGA Graduate School](#)

[Honors & Awards - UGA Provost's Office](#)

- [Assistant Professor of Human Geography: Displacement & Migration](#)

The Department of Geography in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington (Seattle) invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position. Anticipated start date is September 16, 2025.

We seek a human geographer who is conceptually and empirically engaged in research on displacement and migration, with a focus on environmental, political, and/or economic drivers such as climate change, geopolitical instability, or economic development. The successful candidate will have methodological skills in GIS, spatial data science or countermapping, and expertise in data justice, digital sovereignty or data feminisms. A PhD in geography or related field, or foreign equivalent, is required by the start of the appointment

Prioritize Your Well Being:

Change Stress Into Success

Change Stress
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September 4th
1:00 - 1:50pm
Online - See UHC
Site for details

Join us for this four-part rotating series on managing stress & anxiety. You will learn how to identify and manage your own stress and anxiety as it arises.



University Health Center
Student Affairs
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"Let's Talk"

Let's Talk
September 5th
4:00 - 5:00pm
SLC Room 136

Drop-In Consultations with CAPS Clinicians. Free and Confidential (for UGA students)

Healthy Relationships Workshop

February 5th
5:00-6:00pm
MLC 248

This presentation seeks to help clarify values, explore relationship dynamics, and develop communication skills.



DEVELOP Spring 2025 Informational Webinars

Are you a student, recent graduate, or early/transitioning career professional seeking to make a positive impact on the environment and society? Join us to learn about applied Earth science opportunities with the **NASA DEVELOP National Program!**

Friday, September 6, 2024
2-3pm ET

Meeting link [HERE](#)
tinyurl link: <https://tinyurl.com/2e8fje4t>

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
4-5pm ET

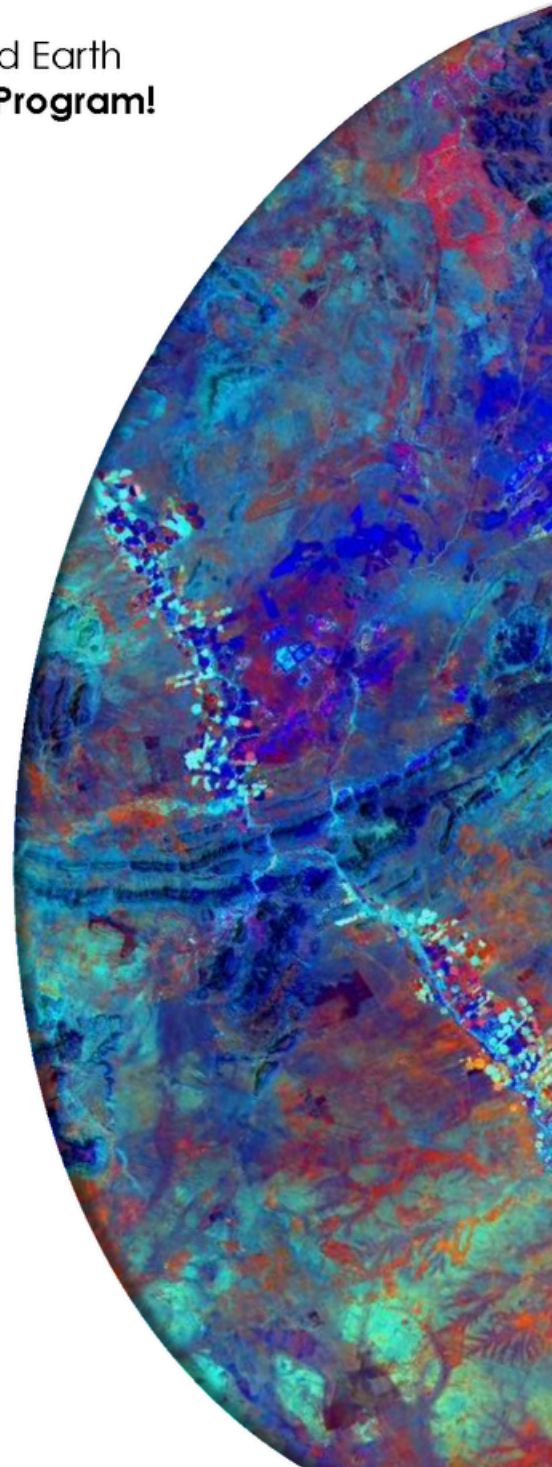
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Website: appliedsciences.nasa.gov/nasadevelop

Contact: NASA-DL-DEVELOP@mail.nasa.gov





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