Dr. Pamela Whitten joined the University of Georgia as its Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in 2014 following a national search.

As the chief academic officer at UGA, she oversees instruction, research, public service and outreach, student affairs and information technology. The vice presidents of these five areas report to her, as do the deans of UGA's 17 schools and colleges as well as the campus dean of the Augusta University/UGA Medical Partnership. Associate provosts for academic fiscal affairs, academic programs, faculty affairs, the Honors Program, institutional diversity, international education and the libraries also report to her, as does the vice provost for academic affairs.

During her tenure as Provost, Whitten has worked with President Jere W. Morehead and faculty and administrators from across campus to implement a number of enhancements to the learning environment, including reducing class sizes and making UGA the nation's largest public university to ensure that each of its undergraduate students engages in hands-on learning activities such as internships and research. The number of academic advisers on campus has risen dramatically under her leadership, and new advising services have been implemented. Her office has identified three Signature Research Themes and supported faculty hiring initiatives that have intensified the university's research activity in fields of statewide and global significance. An initiative to increase graduate student recruitment, create new interdisciplinary graduate programs and expand professional development opportunities for graduate students is underway, as well.

Prior to being named Provost at UGA, Whitten was Dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University. She is an internationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine—the remote delivery of health care services and information—who has conducted her research with nearly $30 million in funding from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Commerce. She has co-authored two books and published more than 100 peer-reviewed research articles and book chapters.

Whitten holds a Ph.D. in communication studies from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in organizational communication from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor's degree in business *magna cum laude* from Tulane University.