Dean, Jere W. Morehead Honors College
University of Georgia (UGA)

The University of Georgia invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the Jere W. Morehead Honors College. Reporting to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Dean of the Morehead Honors College provides strategic leadership for a wide range of undergraduate teaching and research initiatives that advance UGA as one of the top performing universities in the nation.

Hallmarks of the Honors College undergraduate student experience include early registration, smaller classes, and close contact with leading faculty members. The College also offers a wide range of opportunities for learning and growth that extend far beyond the classroom. These extracurricular opportunities include a variety of programs that connect great students with great faculty, such as Book Discussions, sometimes held in faculty members’ homes, and Lunchbox Lectures, in which Honors students can learn about the latest work being done by faculty members. The Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities, better known as CURO, makes it possible for students to conduct frontline research alongside faculty mentors. UGA Honors students regularly go not only beyond the classroom, but also beyond campus. Every summer, our Honors Internships in Washington, D.C., New York, and Savannah place students in epicenters such as congressional offices, the studios of Voice of America, the halls of the Greater New York Hospital Association, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Georgia, and many more. The Honors International Scholars Program provides support for students to study, work, and serve abroad. HISP students have received support to travel to all seven continents.

Additional information about the Morehead Honors College can be found at: https://honors.uga.edu/

The Dean of the Morehead Honors College is responsible for providing leadership and direction of all programs in the Honors College, including the Foundation Fellows Program (the University’s foremost undergraduate scholarship) and the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities.

Responsibilities:

- Providing energetic and visionary leadership as well as principled administrative guidance and advocacy for Honors students, College staff, affiliated faculty, alumni, and external partners to further the tripartite land-grant mission in teaching, research, and public service/outreach within the Morehead Honors College and across campus.

- Working in close collaboration with a diverse array of stakeholders – students (present and prospective), their parents, University leadership, College staff, associate deans across other schools and colleges, donors and State leadership to accomplish the goals of the College.

- Collaborating with other colleges at UGA and providing leadership in guiding, engaging and building academic and research partnerships that strengthen and support instruction and experiential learning for Honors students.

- Fostering a culture of innovation and experimentation that leads to new and pioneering methods of instruction, research involvement and public service for students in the Morehead Honors College and across campus.

- Promoting, maintaining, and enhancing an inclusive and diverse environment.
Communicating the mission and importance of the programs of the Morehead Honors College to external audiences so as to enhance, acquire and sustain private and public financial and non-financial support.

Strategically planning and analyzing the College operations, as well as leading resource generation and management for the College.

Representing the College to the University administration.

Qualifications for successful candidates are as follows:

**Minimum Qualifications and Requirements:**

- Must hold a terminal degree
- Must have at least 10+ years of experience demonstrating sound administrative, personnel, and fiscal management within a university environment

The new dean does not necessarily need to hold a tenured faculty appointment given that the Honors College is not a tenure home for faculty. Candidates with academic credentials that merit a tenured faculty appointment will be considered for tenure, which would be held within the appropriate academic department independently of their service as dean.

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and/or Competencies:**

- Knowledge of curriculum development and an understanding of the pedagogical challenges of the modern research university, including in-person and online instruction and the experiential components of research
- A passion for teaching, working closely with students outside the classroom, and generally ensuring student success
- A background implementing student-centered programs that emphasize undergraduate research and experiential learning
- A background in enabling students to compete for and secure distinguished national or international honors
- Understanding of educational and classroom technologies and the ability to provide training programs for faculty to help implement new learning technologies into the Honors College curriculum
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills and good judgment enabling the new dean to work with a diverse array of internal and external stakeholders
- A record of commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion
- A professional history of strategic and innovative leadership that will enable the new dean to chart and execute a vision that will take the College to new heights
- A track record of securing funding through grants, gifts, and other channels to underwrite new curricular initiatives and to provide student financial aid
• Demonstrated background managing day-to-day operations for diverse units and responsibilities, working collaboratively with others on a team and simultaneously developing and implementing a strategic vision at a high level

Applicant screening will begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by Monday May 23, 2022; however, screening will continue until the position is filled. The application packet should include a cover letter detailing how the applicant’s credentials and experience meet the needs, responsibilities, and qualifications stated above; a current curriculum vitae; and contact information for three references (who will not be contacted without further correspondence with the applicant).

All applicants must apply online at https://www.ugajobsearch.com. Please see the job posting at: https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/251424

To request additional information or to provide a nomination, please contact Lauren Nelson, Primary Consultant with the UGA Search Group, at Lauren.nelson2@uga.edu or 706-542-7344. Letters of recommendation and/or nominations should include the name and contact information of the nominee.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (HRWeb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.