



## Dean, College of Family and Consumer Sciences

The University of Georgia (UGA), the flagship public, a land-grant and sea-grant university of the state of Georgia, seeks an experienced and energetic leader to serve as the next Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Dean serves as the chief administrative and academic officer of the College, reporting to the [Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost](#). In the context of the land-grant mission of the university, the Dean also serves as Associate Director of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Associate Director of the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Stations. The Dean will provide energetic and visionary leadership as well as principled administrative guidance and advocacy for the tripartite mission of the College in teaching, research, and public service/outreach.

The University of Georgia is one of the leading public research universities in the nation and the world. Founded in 1785 as the first public university in the country, UGA's 3,119 faculty excel in fundamental and applied research, innovation and technology transfer; and deliver outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional education; and support communities in Georgia and around the globe through public service and engagement. Total annual research expenditures at the University have increased 41% since fiscal year 2013, and research expenditures now stand at \$495 million for fiscal year 2020. UGA's main campus is in Athens, GA, 60 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses located in Griffin, Tifton, Buckhead, and Gwinnett as well as residential campuses in Washington, DC; Cortona, Italy; and Oxford, England. The University has numerous regional, national, and international partnerships for research, education, and service, and an extensive and dedicated network of more than 330,000 living alumni across the globe.

The University of Georgia's excellence in education and research rests on the scholarly and creative contributions of its talented faculty and staff and on the intellectual quality, vitality, and passion of its students. UGA maintains outstanding academic programs in the arts and humanities, agricultural and environmental sciences, family and consumer sciences, health and life sciences, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, engineering, journalism and communication, public and international affairs, education, and professional programs that include business, law, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. Its research and academic strengths are matched by an enduring commitment to technology transfer, as evidenced by UGA's national leadership in intellectual property creation and licensing revenue. Recently, major investments in research have led UGA to international leadership in areas such as infectious diseases, vaccine development, precision health, glycoscience, plant and food science, human trafficking, risk and resilience in African-American families, artificial intelligence, cognitive and behavioral neuroscience, and many others.

The University of Georgia has goals to advance its national and international standing in research and scholarship by leveraging the excellence of all its faculty and the comprehensive nature of its public, land- and sea-grant missions. The University's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan calls for research excellence through high quality scholarship across all disciplines. Additional information about the University of Georgia is available at <https://www.uga.edu/>.

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences, sixth largest at UGA in terms of undergraduate enrollment, is a student-centered college that emphasizes holistic student development and has grown rapidly in recent years to a current total enrollment of about 1,700 students. There are approximately 110 total faculty members in the College, where undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered in all areas of family and consumer sciences, as well as collaborative programs with other schools, colleges, centers and institutes at the University. The College provides a comprehensive graduate program, offering masters and doctoral degrees in all four departments with a current enrollment of about 250 graduate students. Administratively, the College is comprised of four academic departments: Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics; Nutritional Sciences; Human



Development and Family Science; and Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors as well as the Institute on Human Development and Disability. The College is proud of and benefits from a high degree of diversity in its faculty, students and programs. International opportunities are strongly supported in the College and the University. Programs of outreach and public service, including outstanding Cooperative Extension initiatives, extend the resources of the College and University to the general public and targeted audiences. Faculty in the College manage significant external grants and contracts for research and public service from the NIH, USDA, DOD, NIMH, NIDA, DOE, the CDC and GEFA among others. Additional information about the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is available at <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/>.

## Responsibilities:

- Providing energetic and visionary leadership as well as principled administrative guidance and advocacy with faculty, staff, students, University of Georgia administrators, and alumni to promote the tripartite land-grant mission of the College in teaching, research, and public service/outreach.
- Working in close collaboration with the associate deans, department heads and directors to lead the instruction, research, public service and Cooperative Extension programs as well as the institutional advancement of the College.
- Communicating the mission and importance of the programs of Family and Consumer Sciences to external audiences so as to enhance, acquire and sustain private and public financial and non-financial support.
- Interacting positively with constituent groups in business and industry, federal and state agencies, volunteer and professional organizations, and foundations whose goals are consistent with the mission of the College.
- Promoting excellence and working effectively with faculty, staff, students, University of Georgia administrators, and alumni to promote the tripartite land-grant mission of the College.
- Strategically planning and analyzing the College operations.
- Representing the College to the University administration.
- Collaborating with other colleges at UGA and providing leadership in guiding, engaging and building partnerships.

## Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate degree in a field appropriate to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- Qualify for appointment with tenure at the rank of full professor at the University of Georgia. To be eligible for tenure on appointment, candidates must have been tenured at a prior institution and bring a demonstrably national reputation to UGA.
- A proven record of scholarly achievement and a national and/or international reputation for the candidate's expertise in a particular specialty area of Family and Consumer Sciences as evidenced by documentation of teaching, research and/or service contributions consistent with appointment as a professor in the College. Please see the College guidelines for more information including the requirements for the rank of Professor: <https://provost.uga.edu/policies/appointment-promotion-and-tenure/promotion-tenure-criteria/>
- Progressively responsible leadership and administrative experience as evidenced by a background that includes leadership at a management level including, program development and accreditation.



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

- Strong executive leadership with good budgetary skills.
- Ability to manage a diverse college with multiple departments.
- Ability to work in a collaborative and collegial manner with a diverse faculty, staff, and students.
- Ability to be a successful fundraiser, working with foundations and individual donors as well as encouraging externally supported scholarship.
- Ability to demonstrate a commitment to enhancing diversity in all forms and furthering an accessible and inclusive campus environment.

**Applications:** Applicant screening will begin immediately. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by **August 18, 2021**; 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 resume; 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/196854>

To request a descriptive **Opportunity Profile** for this position, provide a nomination, or seek additional information, please contact Damla Williams, Primary Consultant with the UGA Search Group, at 706-542-7344 or [damlaw@uga.edu](mailto:damlaw@uga.edu). Letters of recommendation or a simple nomination should include the name and contact information for 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. As such, the University of Georgia is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. We not only strongly encourage women, minorities and other diverse candidates to consider applying for this position, but we also maintain that all candidates should share our commitment to diversity and inclusion. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR ([HRWeb@uga.edu](mailto:HRWeb@uga.edu)). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.*