UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
School of Medicine

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Georgia is establishing a new independent School of Medicine in Athens, building on the success of the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership, which has been educating physicians in Athens since 2010.

The establishment of a new public medical school at UGA comes as the state faces a significant shortage of medical professionals. The population of Georgia, the nation's eighth largest state, has surged to approximately 11 million residents, straining existing medical infrastructure and resulting in longer wait times for appointments and reduced access to care. Georgia currently ranks 40th in the nation for the number of active patient care physicians per capita and 41st for the number of public medical students per capita.

Alongside the Medical College of Georgia's expansion into new locations, the addition of the UGA School of Medicine will directly address these concerns and be a net gain for the state.

As a top 20 public university with a thriving research enterprise and vast public service network, the University of Georgia is well positioned to produce more highly trained physicians, alleviate physician shortages, and improve the state's ability to provide quality health care for its citizens.

▶ **EVOLUTION OF EXISTING PARTNERSHIP**
The UGA School of Medicine will be located on UGA's Health Sciences Campus, home to the Medical Partnership since 2012. The Medical Partnership currently enrolls 60 students per class, but the $100M new medical school building, to be funded by a 1:1 public/private match, will enable the UGA School of Medicine to grow to 120 students per class.

▶ **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC INSTITUTION**
UGA has been ranked in the top 20 among the nation's best public universities for the past eight years (U.S. News & World Report) and has demonstrated success in launching major academic initiatives. Over the past two decades, UGA has successfully established five other new schools and colleges.

▶ **HUMAN HEALTH SOLUTIONS**
UGA's biomedical research centers, such as the Isakson Center for Neurological Disease Research and the Regenerative Bioscience Center, exemplify the multidisciplinary approach capable of addressing critical human health issues.

▶ **STATEWIDE REACH**
Last year, UGA received the nation's highest award for outstanding community outreach from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). With a medical school, UGA can create specialized programs and initiatives to encourage students' interest in providing rural healthcare.

#1 RECIPIENT OF NIH FUNDING
Among U.S. public universities without a medical school

9TH HIGHEST PRODUCER OF MED SCHOOL APPLICANTS
according to the Association of American Medical Colleges

$100M FACILITY
will provide capacity to increase medical student enrollment and provide additional research space

ONE OF 13 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES
with full-scale One Health (plant, animal, and human) research operations on their campuses

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