GOVERNOR’S TEACHING FELLOWS

ENHANCING TEACHING • IMPROVING LEARNING • BUILDING NETWORKS

Institute of Higher Education
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Our Beginnings

The Governor’s Teaching Fellows (GTF) Program was established in 1995 by Governor Zell B. Miller to provide Georgia’s higher education faculty with expanded opportunities for developing and improving classroom instruction. Governor Miller envisioned that this program would address faculty members’ pressing need to integrate technologies and instructional tools that have become indispensable for learning in today’s society.

For more than five decades, the Institute of Higher Education has been known nationally and internationally for its cutting-edge research, outstanding graduate education programs, and significant public service and outreach activities. One of the primary goals set for the Institute in 1964 was improving faculty education and university leadership across the state. The GTF program has benefitted substantially from the Institute’s ongoing commitment and network of experts to promote and develop the highest quality instruction in the state’s postsecondary institutions. We admit fellows of all ranks from public and private institutions throughout Georgia.

Our Goal

The Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program assumes the complex challenge of moving college faculty members toward the leading edge of instructional practice. This effort to enhance instruction in public and private higher education statewide is very much in keeping with the University of Georgia’s traditional mission as a land-grant institution committed to diversified outreach and public service.

Our People

To date, more than 80 different disciplines, professions and teaching areas have been represented by our Fellows, who come from more than 70 campuses statewide: large and small, public and private, from the northern mountains to the Florida state line and between the Atlantic coast and the Alabama border.

Our Fellowships

Academic Year Symposia Program

This program allows participants to attend three-day symposia, held at UGA’s Institute of Higher Education, six times over the academic year while also engaging in instructional improvement projects on their home campuses. The symposia include a combination of instructional and faculty development activities as well as self-directed projects designed to meet individual needs.

Summer Symposium Program

Participants in this program attend a two-week symposium on the University of Georgia campus. The symposium includes a combination of structured faculty development and instructional activities and independent work on the part of each participant.

Participants receive a stipend for each day of full participation on campus to assist with travel expenses and meals. Lodging is provided by the Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program.

Fellows’ Feedback

I love and believe in the spirit of GTF and its importance to Higher Education in Georgia.”

This program has been the most wonderful professional development of my career!”

The content was riveting I came away with ideas for improving techniques, even those I had long been using.”

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25 YEARS
625+ FELLOWS
70+ CAMPUSES
80+ DISCIPLINES
36,000 GEORGIA STUDENTS IMPACTED ANNUALLY

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Georgia students impacted annually

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Feeling/feedback
OUR APPLICATION

With appropriate encouragement and support from institutional colleagues, candidates should send a letter of interest and intent to participate to the President of their home college or university describing how participation in this program will benefit both the individual as well as the home institution.

If the President supports the request, the Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program requires that the candidate submit the following:

- Letter of Nomination from the Institution’s President
- Letter of Intent
- Teaching Philosophy Statement
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Description of the Course or Project that will be the focus of the fellowship year (no more than two pages)

Applicants are encouraged to submit the application package electronically to gtf@uga.edu. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to the email address provided by the applicant.

Please send all correspondence to:
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https://ihe.uga.edu/governors-teaching-fellows

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FOUNDED IN 1964, the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia is committed to advancing higher education policy, management and leadership through research, graduate education and outreach. The institute’s graduate programs in higher education administration are consistently ranked among the top ten in the country.