



**GEORGIA
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GEORGIA'S PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY




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A Guide to Recruiting at Georgia College

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WELCOME LETTER

Greetings from the University Career Center at Georgia College!

We want to let you in on one of the best kept secrets in higher education: Georgia College. What makes us so special? The answer to that question lies in our mission as the state of Georgia's Public Liberal Arts University and our dedication to making liberal arts education meaningful to the 21st century employer. We offer employers candidates who are T-shaped professionals: possessing breadth in a variety of essential leadership and soft skills and depth in a specific field or discipline.

At Georgia College, students in every major gain real world experiences that are transferable to the work world. To maximize these experiences and make them relevant to their future careers, all incoming students are expected to complete a set of career planning benchmarks throughout their four-years. Because of this campus-wide initiative, over 64% of undergraduate students interact with the Career Center. Employers who recruit at Georgia College benefit greatly from this high-level of engagement among our students.

In addition, when employers choose to recruit at Georgia College, they find that our small college environment translates into a high level of customer service. Our staff in the Career Center is committed to serving as your consultants regarding our institution and students. We strive to provide customized on-campus recruitment plans to best meet your hiring needs and to position you effectively with the student and faculty targets you wish to network with.

We offer a wide variety of options to help you connect with our students. Our staff prides itself with offering exemplary customer service to our employers. If you do not see a recruitment option that fits your needs, please reach out to us so that we can talk about your ideas.

We hope that you consider Georgia College as a partner as you expand your recruitment initiatives. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

**Best Regards,
The Georgia College Employer Relations & Internship Team**

ABOUT US

Mission Statement

As Georgia's public liberal arts university, Georgia College offers undergraduate programs of study to talented and motivated students in a residential college setting. Georgia College also provides, at multiple locations, graduate and professional studies that support the needs of the region and create pathways to individual success and personal fulfillment. Its academically engaging, student-centered programs often take learning beyond the traditional classroom and develop the intellectual, professional, and civic skills and dispositions that enable graduates to thrive in an information-intensive and diverse global society. Through its teaching, research, and service, Georgia College enriches the lives of students and their local and global communities.

Enrollment

Undergraduate: 5,844
Graduate: 1,180

Campus Location Information

GC is conveniently located in the geographic center of the state, approximately 2 hours from Atlanta and Valdosta. Traveling by interstate, we are approximately 45 miles from Madison off of I-20, Dublin off of I-16, and Macon off of I-16/I-75.

The Career Center is located on the first floor of Lanier Hall, located in the center of campus near our fountain and library. Parking permits are available from the Career Center.

For driving directions, visit www.gcsu.edu/about/directions.

Why liberal arts?

Our liberal arts curriculum emphasizes transformative, active learning experiences that help students develop skills for the 21st century marketplace.

At Georgia College, we are committed to developing graduates are

- **Skilled communicators**
- **Critical and creative problem-solvers**
- **Ethical, reflective, and engaged citizens**
- **Service-oriented leaders and professionals who are dedicated to excellence**

A photograph of three young women sitting around a table in a meeting. The woman in the center has long blonde hair and is looking towards the right. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is smiling. The woman on the left is partially visible, looking towards the center. The background is a bright, modern office space with large windows.

WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE SAYING ABOUT GC STUDENTS

"[The intern] has continuously impressed us with **drive, critical thinking, and confidence** in [their] work...[They have] been **invaluable** to the marketing department...We are extremely **excited** to have [them] as a part of the team this year!"

"[They] are a good fit for this organization and can **take our programs to the next level**. I have offered [them] a job and **can't wait for [them] to start**."

"In all sincerity, **[they] have been one of the best interns that our department has ever had**. [Their] ability to work independently, while still asking the right questions in order to gain a deeper context and understanding of the assignments given is impressive..."

"With this semester coming to a close, I wanted to share our **fantastic recruiting results from GCSU**. We have hired 10 full-time Bobcats to join us after graduation. We have also hired 4 interns to join us this summer..."

"We have recruited in and around the Atlanta area for years. Establishing a relationship with **Georgia College has been one of our biggest successes**. I didn't know where Milledgeville was, but now we won't stop coming back..."



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

College of Arts and Sciences

Art
Biology*
Chemistry
Criminal Justice*
English*
Environmental Sciences
French
Geography
History
Liberal Studies
Mass Communication
Mathematics
Music
Music Education*
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Rhetoric
Sociology

Spanish
Theatre
World Languages & Cultures
Creative Writing, MFA
Public Administration, MPA

J. Whitney Bunting College of Business

Accounting*
Computer Science
Economics
Management
Management Information Systems*
Marketing
Master of Business Administration
Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management
The Georgia WebMBA at Georgia College

*Both undergraduate and graduate programs available

John H. Lounsbury College of Education

Early Childhood*
Middle Grades*
Special Education*
Secondary Education*
Educational Leadership*
Curriculum & Instruction, M.Ed.
Reading, Literacy, and Language, M.Ed.
Instructional Technology, M.Ed.
Library Media., M.Ed.

College of Health Sciences

Athletic Training*
Exercise Science
Public Health
Music Therapy*
Nursing*
Art Therapy, M.A.
Health & Human Performance, M.S.
Kinesiology/Physical Education, M.A.T.



CAREER PLANNING MILESTONES

About the Career Planning Milestones

All undergraduate students at Georgia College are expected to complete a set of career planning benchmarks known as the Career Planning Milestones. 64% of GC students engage with the Career Center, which maximizes your relationship with Georgia College. GC students are introduced to career planning from day one, helping them make better decisions throughout their college experience and as they interview for their first full-time or part-time job, internship, or graduate school. The newly redesigned Career Planning Milestones allow traditional and non-traditional students to easily achieve and meet their career planning goals. Throughout the completion of the Career Planning Milestones, students can gain interviewing skills, resume/cv building techniques, graduate school exploration and document preparation, career and major exploration tools, internship and job searching skills, and more. GC students graduate with the ability to clearly articulate their skills and abilities for the industry they plan to enter.

GC Journeys

The GC Journeys Program is a program where students are expected to participate in five inside and outside classroom transformative experiences during their time at Georgia College, allowing them to step outside of their usual surroundings, gain authentic experiences, solve problems, become a leader, participate in real-world settings, and put ideas into action. The Career Center's Career Planning Milestones play an important role in the GC Journeys Program as well as the completion of an internship, through which the Career Center can help students find and track. The goal of GC Journeys is to help students graduate as curious, critical, and creative problem-solvers; ethical, reflective and engaged citizens; skilled communicators, and service-oriented leaders and professionals who are dedicated to excellence.

How Employers Benefit from the Career Planning Milestones

We believe the Career Planning Milestones provide employers who recruit at GC with three key benefits:

- Exposure to students who understand career options before entering their first job
- Access to talent who can articulate how their skills and experiences fit their career field or industry
- Increased student engagement with career services provides employers with more access to students when they recruit through virtual or on-campus strategies



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Elevator Pitch Competition

Hosted biannually by the School of Business in Spring (February/March) and Fall (October) leading up to the All Industry Career & Internship Expo. Employers are invited to judge the students' elevator pitches, provide feedback, talk about their company/organization, and build relationships with students.

Employer Mock Interviews

Students are required to complete 30-minute mock interviews as part of both class assignments and career planning milestone completion. Employers are encouraged to interview the student and provide sufficient feedback. There are rubrics, which we use here in the Career Center, and the employer is also encouraged to ask questions they believe will be helpful/pertain to their industry.

Employer Resume Review Days

The Career Center hosts 2 to 3 Resume Review Days per semester, outside of general appointments to prepare students for upcoming career fairs. These are done on a drop-in basis based on employer availability. These events are heavily promoted.

Workshops

If you have expertise in a particular area, presenting on a particular topic related to career development is a great way to connect with students who may not show up for a traditional company information session. The student may opt to attend a workshop verses scheduling a traditional appointment with a career center staff member.

Information and Tabling Sessions

Employers can come to campus and set up in a high traffic area to talk with students about their company/organization, pass out business cards/any swag, engage students, gather information, etc.

If you wish to host a more formal information session, we can provide space and promotion for that event.

Hosting Campus Interviews

If an employer has a specific position posted in Handshake and wishes to interview the GC applicants here on campus, we can offer space and online scheduling. Student will have the advantage of working around their class schedule and not having to travel.

Developing Internship Programs

If an employer has never had a GCSU student intern, we can walk them through the process of setting up a program, goals/expectations, deadlines, reporting for credit, etc.

Social Media Engagement

- Take over our Instagram/Facebook live
- Participate in Q & A sessions
- Be featured in our weekly "Hot Job & Internship" campaign
- Let us share opportunities/graphics on your behalf

Classroom Presentations

These are based on the discretion of the faculty member. *Dates for these events determined by the Employer Partner, the Career Center and the professor/class schedule.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Career Center events offer sponsorship opportunities to highlight featured employers. *Dates for these events determined by the Employer Partner, the Career Center and the professor/class schedule.

Employer Advisory Board

Our newly developing Employer Advisory Board is set to begin Spring of 22. The board will meet three (3) times a year to help identify career related trends in their marketplace, ideas and concerns related to entry level full time and internship hiring, resume trends, and starting salaries. The most valuable contribution is your expertise and input. If you are interested on serving, please contact Brittany Archer at brittany.archer@gcsu.edu.

**Virtual accommodations can be offered by request*

***Workshop and Presentation add-on: topics can range from professionalism, resume/cover letter writing, interviewing skills, LinkedIn Profiles, networking, and job searching... We recommend scheduling these sessions at least one month in advance so that we have plenty of time to market the opportunity to students.*



ANNUAL CAREER FAIRS

FALL

August

Part-time Job Fair

September

Accounting Career Fair

October

Graduate & Professional School Admissions Fair
Non-profit, Government, & Helping Industries Fair
All Industry Career & Internship Expo

November

GACE Statewide Career Fair (Atlanta)

SPRING

January

Teacher Recruitment Fair
Accounting Summer Leadership Career Fair

February

Information Technology Career Fair

March

Graduate & Professional School Admissions Fair
Non-profit, Government, & Helping Industries Fair
Creative Industries Fair
All Industry Career & Internship Expo

April

GACE Statewide Career Fair (Atlanta)

EMPLOYER GUIDE TO HANDSHAKE



All employers interested in a recruiting relationship with Georgia College should start by creating an account on Handshake at www.gcsu.edu/career or gcsu.joinhandshake.com.

Handshake allows employers a centralized place to:

- Post jobs and internships for free
- Search student resumes
- Register for career fairs
- Request a campus interview date

Handshake is our FREE social career platform provided by the Career Center that will help your company connect with GC students for full-time positions, part-time jobs, internships, summer opportunities, and more.

Getting Started with Handshake: Creating an Account & Connecting: <https://bit.ly/3nCA6mT>

Use this link to find the guide created to help walk you through the process of getting started on Handshake with troubleshooting tips for each step of the way. Getting started should be a smooth process!

How to Post a Job or Internship: <https://bit.ly/3nxOIDR>

In order to post a job to a school via Handshake, you'll need a confirmed user account that is connected to a company profile, and your company profile must be approved at the school(s). Use this link for more information on how to post a job or internship.

How to Register for a Career Fair: <https://bit.ly/3nwkhhv>

This guide will walk you through how to register for a fair on Handshake. If you don't already have an employer account, you'll need to first sign up for Handshake.

How to Schedule On-campus Interviews: <https://bit.ly/3jDluB9>

If you would like to interview applicants on-campus, you will need to request an Interview Schedule at our school. The link above leads you to an article that will walk you through the steps to do so!

How to Interact with Students via Handshake

Viewing Student Profiles: <https://bit.ly/3nz04aL>

- Once you are connected with Georgia College & State University in Handshake, you can view student profiles in Handshake, as long as student has opted into sharing their profile with employers.

Search Students Feature: <https://bit.ly/3GtTxa8>

- The Search Students page in Handshake provides a student directory at our school of the students who have opted-in to sharing their profile with employers.

Downloading Public Resumes: <https://bit.ly/3bl5ccl>

- Employers can download resumes via Handshake for all students who have uploaded a resume and interacted with the company via applying to a job or interview schedule, RSVPing for an employer hosted event, or signing up for a session with the employer at a virtual fair.



DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH GEORGIA COLLEGE

High impact practices are an integral part of a student's journey here at Georgia College. Through employer partnerships, our students can participate in an engaging internship experience to enrich their skills and professional growth. Internships are an excellent way to incorporate fresh perspectives into your organization and create a pipeline of talent into your organization for future full-time openings.

We consider the following to be our Key Components of an Internship Program:

PURPOSE

An internship should offer students with:

- Practical work experience or a project, given by a designated supervisor
- Integration of knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting
- An opportunity to observe, contribute, and rotate through the different parts of the department/organization
- Career connections, mentorship, and networking opportunities within the organization/industry
- Training, either "formal," on-the-job or virtual/remote along with constructive, on-going feedback for personal and professional development

CHARACTERISTICS

Length

- Completed during an academic semester or summer; typically, 6-12 weeks. If a student is receiving academic credit, a confirmed start and end date must be set.

Hours

- Designated number of hours to be put in daily/weekly as determined by the student and supervisor. If a student is receiving academic credit and requires a certain amount of hours, time should be tracked and documented.

Compensation

- Starting at minimum wage – \$25+/hour based on experience and industry/field

In order for your for-profit company to be in full compliance with The Fair Labor Standards Act, it is always in your best interest to offer at least minimum wage to interns. Students receiving academic credit through the university may be able to do an internship without compensation if following the conditions set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act. A fact sheet regarding internship programs under The Fair Labor Standards Act can be found here: <http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.htm>

GUIDELINES

Goal Setting

- Assess the organizational needs and determine what you hope to gain from an internship program
- Define the aspects to make an internship an educational, interesting, and rewarding experience
- Develop individual expectations, SMART goals, and learning objectives for the intern
- Communicate program goals with your team to ensure the organization's commitment

Initial Preparation

- Draft a job description that clearly explains the duties required of the intern indicating an expected start date, number of hours and location
- Review the organization's ability to provide assignments, equipment, and compensation
- Invest time in interns through selection, training, supervision, and evaluation
- Identify a staff member who would enjoy and benefit from mentoring an intern, who is committed to and capable of providing structure and insight in addition to constructive feedback
- Discuss upcoming intern projects and activities in addition to the time commitment
- Set specific professional and career goals for the internship once the candidate is selected

During an Internship

- Orient the intern to your organization; acquaint the intern to the mission, vision, and policies of your company (un/written and un/spoken) along with team introductions
- Teach the intern about the working world and consider serving as a mentor
- Explain the organizational structure and illustrate the company culture
- Schedule a formal meeting to discuss progress and expectations for your projects
- Provide other colleagues with background information about the intern's projects, responsibilities, and schedule
- Discuss projects regularly and expected outcomes (decide on start and end dates, in advance)
- Schedule a mid-semester evaluation and an exit interview to provide a forum for constructive feedback and questions
- Complete any needed evaluations for class credit

The Georgia College Career Center expects our employers to abide by Non-Discrimination Policies and Anti-Harassment Guidelines when interacting with GC students before, during, and after their internship experiences. The Career Center reserves the right to refuse recruitment privileges to any company whose policies and/or services do not match the educational values and mission of Georgia College & State University. For more information on how to start an internship, please contact the Employer Relations team at career.center@gcsu.edu.

**For more information, contact a member of the
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