



**UNG** | UNIVERSITY of  
NORTH GEORGIA™  
THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF GEORGIA®

## PRESIDENT SEARCH



# About the University

## The University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia (USG) is a part of the community in each of Georgia's 159 counties and provides services across the state. The USG is composed of 26 higher education institutions including four research universities, four comprehensive universities, nine state universities, and nine state colleges, and also includes the Georgia Public Library Service, which encompasses approximately 389 facilities within the 61 library systems throughout the State of Georgia. Additionally, the USG includes the Georgia Archives which identifies, collects, manages, preserves, and provides access to records and information about Georgia.

## The University of North Georgia

The University of North Georgia (UNG) is part of the University System of Georgia and is designated as a [State Leadership Institution](#) and [The Military College of Georgia](#). With an enrollment of 18,046 students, the University of North Georgia is one of the state's largest public universities. The university has five campuses located across the north Georgia region, each with its own personality, offerings, and opportunities including [Blue Ridge](#), [Cumming](#), [Dahlonega](#), [Gainesville](#), and [Oconee](#) County.



# Campus Locations

## Blue Ridge

Located in the popular mountain town of Blue Ridge along the scenic Appalachian Highway, students like the artsy vibe, fun places to eat and variety of outdoor adventures. The campus has just 225 students, creating small class sizes and one-on-one faculty attention that helps students thrive as they pursue a college education close to home.



## Cumming

This campus serves more than 1,000 students and offers easy access to the numerous opportunities of Metro Atlanta paired with the natural beauty of some of the prettiest places in the area for exploring the great outdoors. Located in one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia, where dozens of international companies operate, the Cumming Campus is the ideal home base for resume-building jobs and internships.

## Dahlonega

With more than 100 campus clubs, plus Greek Life, intramural sports and student activities, there are plenty of ways to get involved and make friends on the Dahlonega Campus. Home to more than 7,500 students and UNG's award-winning Corps of Cadets, this is the only UNG campus with residence halls. Students use free time to visit shops and restaurants surrounding the historic town square or experience the majestic views from a hike up one of the nearby mountain trails.



## Gainesville

With its location as the regional hub for healthcare, agriculture, retail and other key industries, the Gainesville Campus is uniquely positioned to give access to jobs and internships in a variety of thriving industries. This campus is home to more than 6,500 commuter students, and is about an hour north of Metro Atlanta, giving students convenient access to big city attractions along or simply a lazy day on beautiful Lake Lanier.

## Oconee

The Oconee Campus, located in Watkinsville, the Artland of Georgia, offers students a unique college experience that capitalizes on the area's sense of community. With just over 2,000 students, the small campus environment allows students to be connected to their instructors and fellow classmates, creating relationships that contribute to academic success.



# History

## *Gainesville State College*

Founded originally as Gainesville Junior College in March 1964, the college was the result of visionary community leaders who sought to fill a need for accessible, quality higher education for Northeast Georgians. While a campus was in development, the college initially held classes at the Gainesville Civic Center and First Baptist Church.

In 1966, Gainesville Junior College moved to its permanent campus. With an aim to prepare students for the local workforce or to transfer on to other senior institutions, Gainesville Junior College experienced high demand from the outset. It promoted an educational experience that included academics, athletics, student activities, and public service. In 1987, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents authorized the removal of "Junior" or "Community" from the two names of two-year institutions to better reflect the quality of the educational experiences students in those colleges received. Gainesville Junior College became Gainesville College. In 2003, the college expanded to include the Oconee Campus in Watkinsville, where enrollment grew quickly and in 2005, the institution's name changed to Gainesville State College, reflecting the growth of four-year degree programs within the college.

## *North Georgia College & State University*

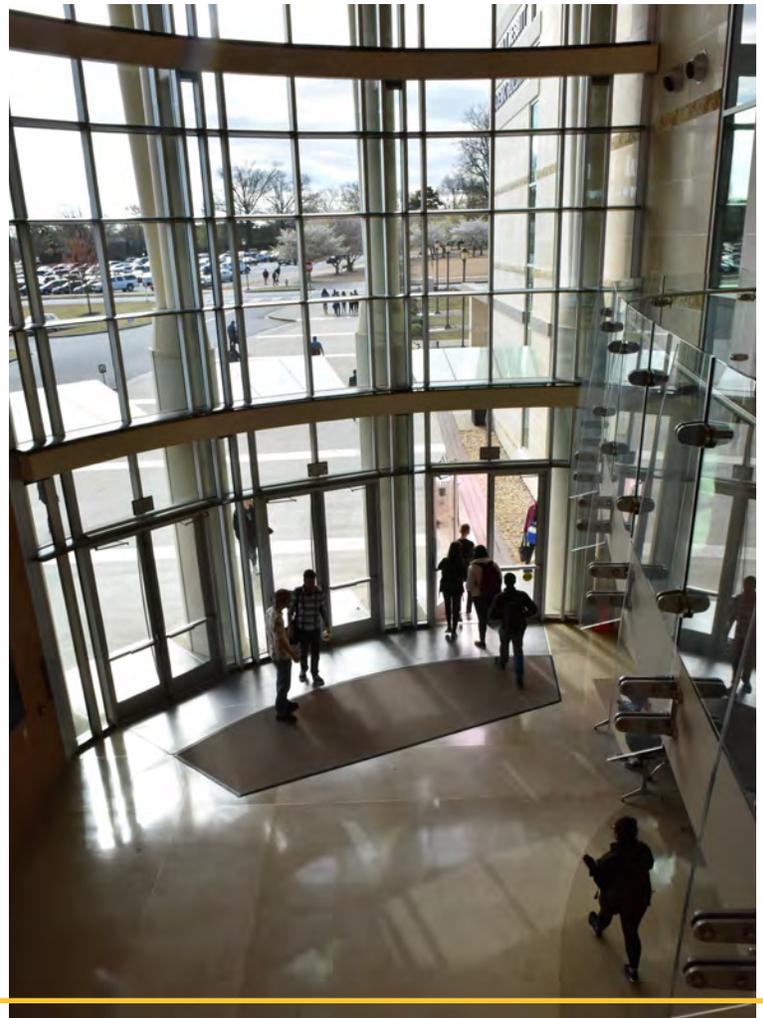
Following the Civil War, the abandoned U. S. Mint property in the City of Dahlonega was given to the State of Georgia for educational purposes, thus giving birth to North Georgia Agricultural College in 1873. The university's iconic Price Memorial Hall, with its gold-covered bell tower, is a nationally registered historic site where the U.S. Mint once stood. The school is Georgia's second-oldest public institution of higher education and its first co-educational university. From its inception, the institution has had a military education program, and the Corps of Cadets continues today as a signature element.

The college was established as a school of agriculture and mechanical arts, particularly mining engineering. As area gold mining resources were depleted and agricultural education was assumed by other state institutions, the mission of North Georgia Agricultural College evolved into one emphasizing arts and sciences and was renamed as North Georgia College in the summer of 1929. In 1996, due to its much wider scope of academic programs, the University System of Georgia reclassified the college as a state university and renamed it North Georgia College & State University.

## *The University of North Georgia*

In early 2012, the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents recommended the consolidation of North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College. The consolidation became official on January 8, 2013, creating the University of North Georgia (UNG), with four campuses and a regional footprint across northeast Georgia.

In August 2015, UNG opened an additional campus in Blue Ridge, Georgia, to serve students in the northernmost region of the state.





Top Regional Public Universities  
in the South  
U.S. News & World Report, 2023



Commissioned Cadets  
from 2016-2022



Nationally-Ranked Teams  
in NCAA Division II

## Mission

The University of North Georgia, a regional multi-campus institution and premier senior military college, provides a culture of academic excellence in a student-focused environment that includes quality education, service, research and creativity. This is accomplished through broad access to comprehensive academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society. The University of North Georgia is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia.

## Vision

The University of North Georgia will be a regional and national leader for academic excellence, engagement, educational opportunity, and leadership development.

## Values

- **Excellence** - Promoting standards of performance and accountability that exceed expectations
- **Student-focus** - Facilitating success and educational goal attainment for all students and fostering a welcoming environment that values and reflects diversity and inclusion.
- **Integrity** - Cultivating in ourselves and in others the willingness and steadfastness to act honestly and ethically
- **Engagement** - Promoting active involvement, intellectual inquiry and creativity, collaboration, and community partnership
- **Service** - Giving of oneself to enhance the life and richness of the university and all of its members, as well as the larger community



"Best Value College" in Georgia among  
public Regional Universities in the  
South, U.S. News & World Report 2023



NCAA Division II National  
Postseason Appearances



Senior Military Colleges in  
the United States

# The Military College of Georgia

UNG's [Corps of Cadets](#) has been integral to the university's mission and identity since the university's founding in 1873, and has a proud heritage of producing leaders of character equipped for global leadership challenges. UNG is one of only six federally designated senior military colleges, which include The Citadel, Norwich University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Military Institute. Because of this unique role, the state legislature designated UNG as The Military College of Georgia.

UNG's nationally acclaimed Corps of Cadets has earned the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award and honors multiple times as the top Army ROTC program among the six senior military colleges. Building on nearly 150 years of tradition, UNG cadets experience hands-on leadership opportunities and an exceptional military education while enjoying the benefits of attending one of the nation's top public universities.



## Academics

As a regional multi-campus institution, UNG is unique in the range of educational pathways it offers students. From associate degrees to doctoral programs, UNG provides an array of opportunities to help develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society. Its nationally recognized Army ROTC program attracts students from across the state, region, and nation. Additionally, UNG is designated by the University System of Georgia as a State Leadership Institution and has earned the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The university provides students with high-impact opportunities that define the UNG experience. From its First Gen student mentoring programs to competing for prestigious national scholarships (UNG has been a national top-producer of Fulbright Students for five consecutive years), the faculty and staff are focused on helping students succeed in the classroom--and in life.

More than a dozen [scholarly colleges, centers, and institutes](#) extend the focus and reach of UNG priorities, including academic attainment, regional impact, community engagement, and industry collaboration.





## Student Life

With five campuses and online for students to choose from, UNG students can find their perfect environment to live, learn, develop leadership goals and achieve their goals. UNG attracts students from 145 Georgia counties, 46 states and 87 countries. With 237 student organizations across all campuses, including Military, Performance, Service, Faith-Based, Fraternities, and Sororities, there's an organization for almost every interest. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## UNG Athletics

The Nighthawks compete at the NCAA Division II level as a member of the Peach Belt Conference, sponsoring 13 intercollegiate sports. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Men's

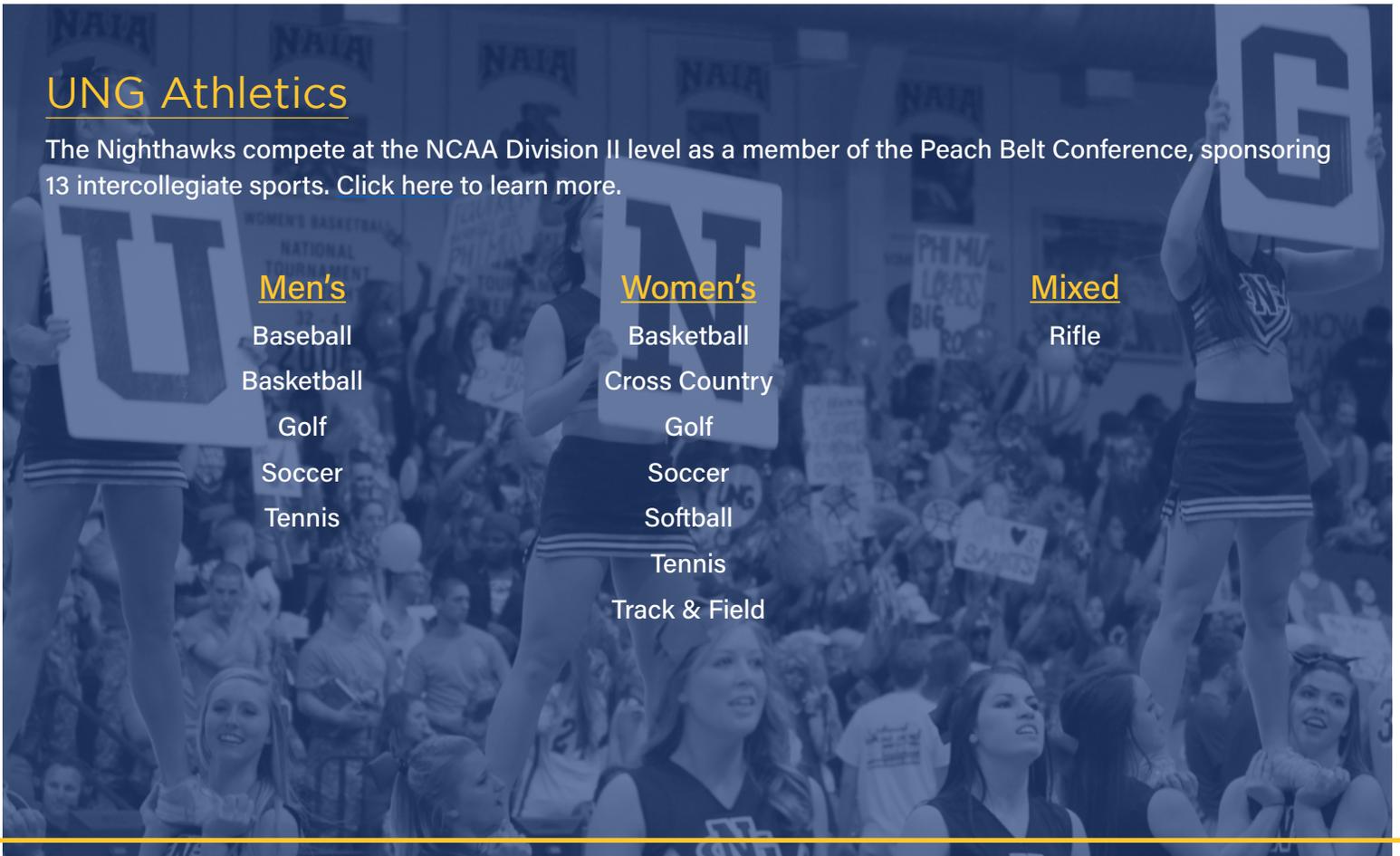
Baseball  
Basketball  
Golf  
Soccer  
Tennis

### Women's

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track & Field

### Mixed

Rifle



# The Opportunity

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently announced a national search for the 21<sup>st</sup> President of the University of North Georgia, who will continue to increase the university's educational opportunities and student success. UNG serves a diverse student body of more than 18,000 students, including approximately 700 cadets who represent the university's unique role as The Military College of Georgia.

The University of North Georgia has enjoyed more than a decade of growth and positive momentum, with a renewed focus on continuing to strengthen the university's future in the years ahead. The next UNG president will be a highly visible, transparent, and visionary leader, engaged listener, effective communicator, and exceptional relationship builder.



## The Position

The President will provide overall leadership in fostering a culture of academic excellence grounded in a student-focused environment where world-class faculty and staff are scholars and mentors who inspire service, inquiry, and creativity. The President will be committed to providing students with an exceptional education that's accessible, affordable, and provides high-impact resume-building opportunities for future success.

The President leads professional faculty and staff serving students across UNG's five campuses and online, including the following members of UNG's Administrative Team:

- Provost and Senior Vice President
- Vice President for Leadership and Global Engagement
- Senior Vice President for Business & Finance
- Vice President for Student Affairs
- Vice President for University Advancement
- Vice President of University Relations and Chief of Staff
- Vice President of Regional Campuses
- Executive Director, The National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students
- Director of Internal Audit
- Director of Athletics

# Qualifications and Attributes

The Board of Regents, along with the faculty, staff, alumni, and students at the University of North Georgia are seeking a business-minded, servant leader who will demonstrate a steadfast commitment to the institution's mission, vision, and values.

The next UNG President will:

- Possess the ability to develop and articulate a strong vision for the University's role and future.
- Bring a successful track record of significant team-building experience and collaborative problem-solving and decision-making.
- Have a deep appreciation for academic rigor and continue to promote a culture of faculty development and excellence across all UNG campuses.
- Be a data-driven decision maker, demonstrating experience managing the financial and budgetary operations of a complex enterprise.
- Embody creative thinking, active listening, problem solving, and entrepreneurial skills to advance the institution.
- Lead the university through successful fundraising and donor relation efforts.
- Values diversity and the skills, willingness and enthusiasm to learn about the cultures of the various constituencies of the college and the geographies it serves.
- Ensure UNG remains focused on academic excellence and student success as a critical focus.
- Work collaboratively to build relationships with community partners and stakeholders.
- Offer a demonstrated commitment to fostering, recognizing and rewarding institutional successes and contributions.

Individuals with exemplary leadership experience in education, business, industry, government, the military or other sectors are encouraged to apply and will be given full consideration. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



# Applications & Nominations

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, Candidates should submit a resume or CV and Letter of Interest addressed to the presidential search committee by March 20, 2023.

Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications will be treated with complete confidentiality and should be submitted directly to CarterBaldwin Executive Search at [UNGPresident@carterbaldwin.com](mailto:UNGPresident@carterbaldwin.com). Confidential inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to:



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For additional detail about the timeline of the search, please visit the [UNG presidential web page](#).

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# Dahlonega, Georgia

The University of North Georgia's five campuses span a large region enhanced by strong communities, cherished natural resources, abundant cultural opportunities, and an extraordinary quality of life. The Office of the President is housed at the University of North Georgia's Dahlonega Campus.

Located in the mountains of North Georgia in Lumpkin County, Dahlonega is best known for being the site of the first major US Gold Rush (1829) and the heart of Georgia wine country. Just 65 miles north of Atlanta, Dahlonega is favorably positioned for urban day trips to either the state's capital or its neighbor to the north, Chattanooga, TN. Approximately 8,000 residents call Dahlonega home, but its expansive mountain vistas, roaring waterfalls and bubbling streams, postcard-worthy wineries, and an abundance of entertainment and lodging, draw close to 100,000 visitors each year.

With the highest concentration of wineries, vineyards, and tasting rooms in the state, Dahlonega is also known as the "Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia." Its 12 tasting rooms and eight wineries offer a variety of quality and award-winning local, regional, and international wines. Dahlonega's wineries are also featured in seven tasting rooms in the National Registered Historic Downtown District, where the streets are lined with art galleries, one-of-a-kind boutiques, and eateries. Those who want a taste of America's first gold rush can pan for gold in one of the area's creeks and rivers, go beneath the earth in an abandoned gold mine, or visit the Dahlonega Gold Museum.

Annual festivals are an integral part of Dahlonega's rich heritage and a great way to take in the outdoor beauty of the area. Hancock Park, located just off Dahlonega's Historic Square, hosts concert series, farmers markets, and summer movies.

In North Georgia's moderate climate, outdoor activities abound year-round. The Chattahoochee National Forest makes up one third of Lumpkin County, providing ample opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and off-roading. Tubing, canoeing and kayaking are found on the nearby Chestatee or Etowah rivers, and local creeks provide world-class trout fishing opportunities. No hike is complete without a view of one of the forest's five breathtaking waterfalls, and the famous Appalachian Trail begins just east of Dahlonega.

With a deep, fortuitous history and abundance of entertainment and outdoor activities, its no wonder Dahlonega was voted the "South's Best Mountain Towns" in *Southern Living Magazine* and one of the "Top 10 Vacation Spots in the Georgia Mountains."

