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[Economic developers gain Georgia-specific skills through Institute's new certification program](#)

Economic development professionals throughout the state can now obtain specialized training through the Institute's new Georgia Certified Economic Developer program, which offers in-depth courses tailored to the needs of Georgia's communities. (more)

Did you know?

The enhanced Georgia Clerks Education Institute is now being held monthly throughout Georgia to help government clerks attain certification faster while reducing their travel costs. [Learn more.](#)



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Upcoming Events

Institute partners in downtown revitalization program for northwest Georgia communities

UGA landscape architecture students are creating revitalization plans for a mill site in the city of Rossville through a regional economic development initiative the Institute is coordinating with the Lyndhurst Foundation, the College of Environment and Design, and others. [\(more\)](#)

Incoming city leaders enhance their knowledge of governance through Institute training

Hundreds of new city council members and mayors gained a deeper understanding of their roles and responsibilities through the Newly Elected Officials Institute, a two-day training program that the Institute of Government coordinates with the Georgia Municipal Association. [\(more\)](#)

Georgia EPD engages Institute to provide training for online reporting and permitting system

The Institute is collaborating with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to greatly expand training available to public and private pollution control operators in a new electronic reporting and permitting system required by the US EPA. [\(more\)](#)

Local government finance officials earn certificates through Institute training program

Eighteen government officials from across Georgia recently earned Local Finance Officer Certification through the Institute of Government's financial management training program, which features courses designed to enhance understanding of public finance topics. [\(more\)](#)

Shanghai government leaders conclude long-term internships with Institute

Five senior government officials from Shanghai recently completed six-month internships through the Institute's International Center. The internship ended with a group visit to Hart County to learn about the Archway Partnership's economic development work there. [\(more\)](#)

Georgia Downtown Association conference features courses led by Institute faculty and staff

Hundreds of urban development professionals attended critical training programs the Institute led during the Georgia

[ACCG Annual Conference](#): April 29–May 2

[GLGPA Spring Conference](#): June 7–10

[GMA Annual Convention](#): June 24–28

Newsorthy Notable



[Fei Zhang](#)

International Center Program Coordinator

Fei manages orientation, logistics, translation and more for delegations of Chinese officials who come to UGA for training and internships, and he also serves as a primary coordinator for Georgia instructors and leaders who travel to China on training missions or with leadership delegations. He has played a leading role in developing the Institute's China program and assuring that visitors and travelers have educational and rewarding experiences. Fei received the Staff Award for Excellence this year from UGA Vice President for Public Service and Outreach Jennifer Frum.

Our Partners in Training:



Downtown Association's 2016 Annual Conference. During the conference, the association unveiled a new logo created by a graphic designer with the Institute. [\(more\)](#)

[Institute demography data inform Atlanta Food Bank's regional responsiveness](#)

A needs assessment prepared by faculty with the Institute's Applied Demography Program provided census tract-level projections to help the Atlanta Community Food Bank improve its response to people who lack adequate food. [\(more\)](#)

[Cordele obtains grant to execute railroad mural conceived by Institute graphic designer](#)

The Cordele Downtown Development Authority has commissioned a local artist to create a mural that the Institute designed through a downtown revitalization project. The mural will be located in a courtyard next to the SAM Shortline Excursion Train Depot. [\(more\)](#)

[Institute coordinates best practices training at GCCMA's 60th anniversary conference](#)

The Institute enlisted experienced government administrators to share their knowledge of best practices during training sessions at the Georgia City-County Management Association's 60th anniversary spring conference, held at the Classic Center in Athens. [\(more\)](#)