



Defense Communities Resilience Program gets \$5 million boost

The University of Georgia received \$5 million in federal funding for its work with the state's defense installations and nearby communities through the Defense Community Resilience Program (DCRP). Led by Scott Pippin, the program is a collaboration between the Institute of Government and the Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems (IRIS) at UGA.

[Read more here.](#)



PROPEL communities celebrate success, plan for future

The first group of communities to complete the two-year PROPEL (Planning Rural Opportunities for Prosperity and Economic Leadership) program met in January to share updates and lessons learned about community engagement and economic development.

[Read more here.](#)



Data conference connects AI experts and governments

The theme of the second annual Developing Data Analytics Capabilities Conference on March 27 and 28 in Athens is generative AI and advanced analytics. Those who work with data in government or academic settings will connect with experts in the field and learn more about AI and how it will impact governments.

[Register today!](#)

IN THE NEWS

Jones tapped to lead new frontiers with UGA presidential seed grant



Institute of Government Associate Director **Shana Jones** received a UGA Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant to lead a project on electric vehicle implementation. The grant is for a newly established New Frontiers track that supports early-stage exploration of potentially transformative research.

[Read more here.](#)

Rural communities reap big rewards from PROPEL process

Appling County is a prime example of the ongoing impact of PROPEL (Planning Rural Opportunities for Prosperity and Economic Leadership), the nationally recognized program led by the Institute of Government. The program has helped the community jump-start economic development efforts through downtown revitalization and youth leadership development. [Learn more here.](#)



School accounting program celebrates milestone enrollment



In January, the school financial accounting program celebrated its 500th participant since its launch in 2020. The “Class of 500” included 26 accounting professionals representing 16 schools and district office finance personnel from Catoosa County Public Schools. The Institute of Government’s **Russ Cook** and **Beth Horacek** designed the program for K-12 school-based support personnel responsible for school accounting and ensuring a school’s financial procedures are in line with local board policies, state and federal laws. [Learn more here.](#)

Institute of Government trains record number of city officials

More than 1,000 city officials from throughout Georgia enhanced their leadership skills and earned recognition through the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute at the recent 2024 Cities United Summit in Atlanta. The Holtz Municipal Training Institute, a cooperative effort of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and the UGA Institute of Government, provides training opportunities for city officials. The January event saw a record number of 1,395 training registrations, and more than 150 officials were honored for their commitment to professional development.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Data Analytics and Visualization Conference

March 27-28
Athens

Georgia Chapter of the Government Management Information Sciences (GA GMIS) Conference

May 5-9
Athens

Georgia Association of Tax Officials (GATO) 2024 Annual Conference

May 13-16
Athens

[More events here](#)

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Labor Market Information Open Course



The volume and complexity of labor market data can be overwhelming for workforce development professionals. This course will prepare workforce development and economic development professionals with knowledge, skills and tools to make data a regular part of their strategy and analytical processes. Attendees of this one-and-a-half-day workshop will learn how to use data to make informed decisions for their organizations. [Register here.](#)

AROUND THE INSTITUTE

UGA students selected as Georgia Legislative interns



The Institute of Government partners with the School of Public and International Affairs to select University of Georgia undergraduates for the Georgia Legislative Internship Program (GLIP). This spring, seven students are participating directly in the legislative process by researching bills before the General Assembly, monitoring the progress of legislation, learning about the inner workings of state government and making contacts for future careers in public service. Interns generally work 40 hours per week during the legislative session. UGA students selected for the spring 2024 semester are (*front row, L-R*): Shania Nguyen-Tu, Yannceley Armand, Jackson Cliett. (*back row, L-R*): Benjamin Bailey, Emanuel Hernaiz, Christian Dent, Hendley Jones. [Read more about the program here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Economic impact of public service and outreach tops \$500 million



Did you know UGA Public Service and Outreach units have an economic impact of \$505 million across Georgia? The Institute of Government is a focal point of a recent initiative highlighting how the university uses its expertise and resources to spur economic prosperity. Under the tagline “We Know Georgia,” the campaign showcases stories of resiliency, entrepreneurship, sustainability and economic

prosperity that demonstrate how UGA works to make life better for Georgians. Look for the red arrow designating stories about how **We Know Georgia**.

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Save the Date: Dawg Day of Giving



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