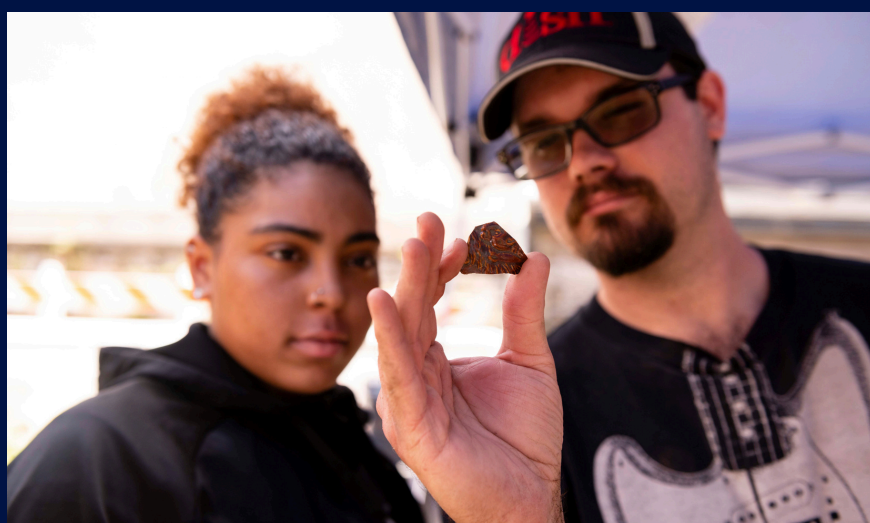




Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

LEADERSHIP PROFILE





About **GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

Georgia Southern University (Georgia Southern), part of the University System of Georgia, is a public comprehensive university with its main campus in Statesboro, about 200 miles southeast of Atlanta and 55 miles northwest of Savannah. What began as the First District Agricultural & Mechanical School, a land grant college that opened in 1908 with four faculty members and fifteen students, has since become a R2 University (Doctoral University with high research activity) enrolling over 31,500 students and boasting a global network of over 160,000 alumni.

Georgia Southern has continuously built on its historic strengths as it evolved into the institution it is today, serving its local communities, the state, the region, the nation, and the world. With the leadership of President Kyle Marrero and Provost Avinandan Mukherjee, Georgia Southern continues to develop and broaden its capabilities.

Georgia Southern is the state's largest and most comprehensive university south of Atlanta. Georgia Southern's annual economic impact in FY2024 was a record \$1.167 billion, nearly 2% higher than the previous year. The first-year ("IPEDS Freshmen") retention rate for the fall 2024 cohort was 81.5%, and recent 6-year graduation rates have been 53–55%.

In addition to its R2 classification, Georgia Southern is also classified as "military friendly," serving over 4,000 military affiliated students, and has also achieved the Carnegie Community Engagement classification.

Accreditation

Georgia Southern University is accredited by The Commission on Colleges and Universities (formerly the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges or SACSCOC). The next Fifth-Year Review is scheduled for 2031, and the next Reaffirmation is scheduled for 2035.

By the Numbers

31,599

Students across a four-campus network, following the January 1, 2026 East Georgia consolidation

29,633

students, fall 2025 census, a record, up 7.7% year over year (25,595 undergraduate, 4,038 graduate)

6,060

first-time freshmen

12

colleges

150+

degree programs

1,093

full-time faculty

81.5%

first-year retention rate

54%

six-year graduation rate

104

student nations of origin

4 Campuses

Statesboro

Armstrong
(Savannah)

Liberty
(Hinesville)

East Georgia
(Swainsboro)

Carnegie R2:
High Research
Spending and
Doctorate
Production

2026 Carnegie
Community
Engagement
Classification,
valid through
2032

Military
Friendly
School, 12
consecutive
years

First-Gen
Forward
institution

R1 in Sight

Georgia Southern is committed to growing our research enterprise. Federal research expenditures grew from \$4 million in FY 24 to \$6.5 million in FY 25, an impressive 59% increase. With almost \$58 million in projected research expenditures and five new Ph.D. programs fueling doctoral production, the R1 threshold is within reach.

\$46M+

FY24 NSF HERD

Total R&D
Expenditures

\$49M+

FY25 NSF HERD

Total R&D
Expenditures

Approaching
\$58M

FY26 NSF HERD

Total R&D
Expenditures

84

research doctoral
degrees awarded
R1 threshold: 70

5

new Ph.D.
programs

(engineering, applied
computing, biomedical
sciences, materials
science, environmental
science)

12

faculty on the
Stanford and
Elsevier top 2%
of scientists
worldwide,
2025

6

Interdisciplinary
Clusters of
University
Excellence

\$151M+

raised toward
the Together
We Soar
campaign goal
of \$300 million
by 2030

Carnegie R2:
High Research
Spending and
Doctorate
Production

Member,
Georgia
Research
Alliance,
May 2026

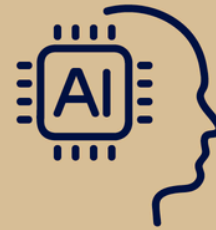
Six Bold Questions. One University.

Through our Interdisciplinary Clusters of University Excellence, we are mobilizing the full power of our university to ask bold questions, tackle complex issues, fuel breakthrough research and forge impactful partnerships.



Biomedical & Health Innovation

"How are we building the future of health?"



AI, Automation & Humanistic Application

"How is Georgia Southern shaping a future where innovation serves humanity?"



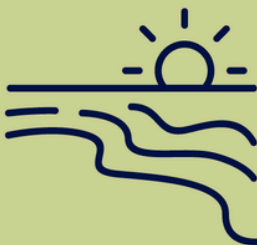
Vibrant Rural Communities

"How is Georgia Southern redefining what's possible for rural America?"



Cybersecurity & Forensic Science

"How are we powering the next generation of digital defenders?"



Coastal Sustainability & Resilience

"How is Georgia Southern leading the charge to protect our coast?"



Advanced Materials, Mobility & Movement

"How is Georgia Southern propelling innovation forward?"



Strategic Plan

Soaring Beyond 2030

MISSION

Georgia Southern University impacts the future by fostering a transformative learner-centered culture. We empower students, faculty, staff, and alumni to lead, serve, and engage, enhancing the quality of life through educational excellence, impactful research, cultural enrichment, and meaningful contributions to communities locally and globally.

VISION

People. Purpose. Action: Growing ourselves to grow others.

VALUES

Innovation and Discovery: We advance knowledge and foster transformative research through creativity, collaboration, and strategic investment, elevating the institution's meaningful contributions to scholarly excellence.

Mobility: We foster economic and social mobility by equipping our people with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities needed for career readiness, workforce alignment, and meaningful contributions to an ever-changing world.

People: We value the unique contributions of all members of our community, fostering growth, collaboration, and success through a commitment to their holistic development and achievement.

Academic Excellence: We are committed to fostering academic excellence by empowering our people through innovative teaching, impactful research, and professional development to drive discovery and meaningful contributions to society.

Collaboration: We foster collaboration through shared governance, teamwork, and partnerships that promote innovation, collective problem-solving, and meaningful engagement across our community.

Transparency and Integrity: We consistently uphold our integrity through accountability, openness, and transparent decision-making, fostering trust to empower our people to make informed decisions.

Sustainability: We value responsible resource management and thoughtful practices that promote resilience, well-being, and long-term success for our institution and communities.



Strategic Plan

Soaring Beyond 2030

Academic Affairs Priorities

Provost Mukherjee and his team have developed 10 priorities that reflect bold vision and intentional action. These priorities align Georgia Southern's strengths across its campuses and disciplines to drive innovation, champion student success, and fuel regional and global impact.

- Strategic planning alignment
- Transformative student success
- End-to-end student experience
- In-demand knowledge
- On-demand delivery
- Applied high-impact research
- Experiential education and innovation
- Globalization and engagement
- Faculty/staff talent management
- Academic analytics and technology

Cross-disciplinary approaches are needed to address pressing challenges facing the world and achieve transformative results. The newly designed Interdisciplinary Clusters of University Excellence (ICUE), mobilize the University's full power by bringing together researchers, scholars, and artists to ask bold questions, tackle complex issues, fuel breakthrough research, secure major grant funding, and forge impactful industry and community partnerships. College deans are expected to lead and facilitate collaboration in these clusters.

- AI, automation, and humanistic application
- Biomedical and health innovation
- Vibrant rural communities
- Cybersecurity and forensic science
- Coastal sustainability and resilience
- Advanced material, mobility, and movement



**Academic Affairs
2026 Annual Report**



**Provost
Priorities**



ICUEs



Strategic Plan

The Georgia Southern University Faculty

The University's 940 full-time faculty members are organized in 11 colleges plus the library (23 professional librarians are classified as full-time faculty members); 69% are either tenured or on tenure track, and 82% have a doctorate or other terminal degree. An additional 213 faculty members are part-time. Faculty members are committed to fostering an environment that challenges and inspires. With a blend of rigorous academics, impactful research, and transformative experiences, Georgia Southern's programs prepare students to make a difference in their fields and communities. Faculty members are not only educators but also mentors, guiding students to expand their knowledge, skills, and confidence as they navigate their unique paths.

Each year, Georgia Southern honors its faculty and staff with the University Award of Excellence in multiple categories to individual faculty and staff members and to teams. In addition, the University System of Georgia recognizes outstanding faculty members with the Felton Jenkins, Jr., Hall of Fame Faculty Award and Regents' Awards for teaching in several categories as well as in the scholarship of teaching and learning.



Locations

Four campuses. One university.



Statesboro

Statesboro is the original home of Georgia Southern University and houses its largest campus. Sitting on Georgia's Coastal Plain, also known as the Low Country, Statesboro is home to about 35,000 residents, while its greater metropolitan area population is about 82,000. Statesboro's vibe is a blend of Southern charm and elegance and the creative vigor of a college town with a wide range of cultural offerings, and recreational opportunities. Over 21,000 students pursue their interests across over 150 academic programs in Statesboro. The Statesboro campus hosts the Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection as well as a Botanic Garden and Wildlife Education Center.



Armstrong Campus in Savannah

Georgia Southern's Armstrong campus is located in Savannah, a beautiful coastal city dating to 1733, making it the oldest city in Georgia. Savannah's population is about 150,000 with about 440,000 residents in its metropolitan area. Its location on the Savannah River makes the city a natural seaport of strategic significance during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and of considerable economic significance in modern times. Armstrong Junior College began serving local youth in Savannah in 1935 and achieved university status in 1996. In 2018, Georgia Southern and Armstrong State University were consolidated under the Georgia Southern name. The Armstrong campus is a 268-acre arboretum south of Savannah's beautiful historic downtown. About 4,800 students pursue one of 50 degree programs in Savannah, and the Armstrong campus includes a state-of-the-art Health Professions Academic Building.

Four campuses. One university.



Liberty Campus in Hinesville

In 1998, Georgia Southern, Armstrong, and other institutions in the University System of Georgia collaborated to establish the Liberty Center in Hinesville. Now known as the Liberty campus, it is Georgia Southern's smallest campus with about five hundred students who can pursue an associate's degree and then continue to pursue a bachelor's degree in Statesboro, Savannah, or online. Hinesville has about 35,000 residents, and it lies about fifty miles south of Statesboro and about forty miles southwest of Savannah. The Liberty campus is five minutes from Fort Stewart, home of the 3rd Infantry Division. Fort Stewart's 268,000 acres make it the largest Army installation in the eastern US. All fees are waived for active-duty military personnel enrolling at the Liberty campus.



East Georgia Campus in Swainsboro

In 2026, the University System of Georgia consolidated East Georgia State College in nearby Swainsboro with Georgia Southern. The East Georgia campus is now part of Georgia Southern's University College, which is designed to provide flexible educational pathways and a strong support system for students who are new to college or are returning. Swainsboro is a small city of about 7,500 residents less than 40 miles west of Statesboro. Student Life on the East Georgia campus centers on a community-focused living environment that promotes holistic learning and personal growth.

Additional learning locations

Georgia Southern operates a learning center in Wexford, Ireland, on the southeast coast about 90 miles south of Dublin. Currently, Georgia Southern students can enroll at the Wexford center for a summer term (a half-load "minimester") and, upon return to Georgia, take another half-load minimester to complete a full semester of course credit. Courses are taught by Georgia Southern faculty members. Plans are underway to open additional programming at Wexford in Spring 2027, including the development of student housing in a renovated convent.

In addition to its physical campuses, Georgia Southern offers a wide variety of flexible online and hybrid options. Over 2,500 graduate students and 1,800 undergraduate students are enrolled in online programs.

Kyle Marrero, D.M.A., President



“As we continue our trajectory toward becoming a nationally recognized public impact research university, we are committed to advancing innovation, developing talent and addressing the critical needs of Southeast Georgia through research that strengthens communities, drives economic development and improves quality of life across the region.”

–President Kyle Marrero, on Georgia Southern joining the Georgia Research Alliance, May 2026

Dr. Kyle Marrero began his tenure as Georgia Southern University’s president on April 1, 2019. As president, he leads the Eagle Nation, a Carnegie R2 institution, with over 30,000 students and 3,000 faculty and staff on four campuses – Statesboro, Savannah, Swainsboro, and Hinesville, Georgia – with learning centers in Wexford, Ireland and Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Education Center. Under his direction, Georgia Southern has established a culture of high performance and evidence-based leadership focused on data-informed decision-making and communication transparency. The Institutional Strategic Plan, measured and assessed with key performance indicators (balanced scorecards) and a 90-day action assessment methodology is aligned and directed by our vision of People. Purpose. Action. Growing Ourselves to Grow Others. In this framework, we hold ourselves accountable to high standards of continuous improvement to ensure market alignment, public impact, and operational efficiencies and effectiveness. This commitment has led to remarkable successes in recent years with the university seeing record-breaking numbers in private fundraising, faculty research expenditures/awards, retention and graduation rates, degrees conferred, and annual economic impact to the region. Dr. Marrero holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor’s and master’s in vocal performance from Bowling Green State University. His background in the arts has taken him to ten countries as an artistic ambassador for the United States Embassies and forty states as a singer, stage director, and artistic director.

Avinandan “Avi” Mukherjee, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



“Every great university is defined not by the answers it gives but by the questions it has the courage to ask.”

–Provost Avi Mukherjee, 2026 Academic Report

Dr. Avinandan (Avi) Mukherjee joined Georgia Southern University as the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs on July 1, 2025. As Chief Academic Officer, he oversees all of the University’s academic affairs, including 11 colleges, five libraries, research, student affairs, online learning, global education, and career education across three campuses, with a strong passion for academic excellence and student success. Dr. Mukherjee has over 18 years of progressive experience in institutional leadership roles in American public higher education, including provost and chief academic officer of two large comprehensive research universities; dean of two AACSB-accredited colleges of business; and department chair of marketing for an AACSB-accredited school of business. Prior to joining Georgia Southern, Avi served as the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Marshall University from 2021 to 2025, where he oversaw all academic affairs for thirteen colleges, schools and libraries (including Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy), in addition to enrollment

management, student affairs, research, institutional research, online learning, career education, certifications and micro credentials, etc. Prior to this role, he was Dean of the Lewis College of Business at Marshall (2017-2021) where he spearheaded a collaboration with external and internal stakeholders to garner more than \$45 million in philanthropic support to strategically transform the college.

He has served as a tenured Professor of Marketing and International Business, with significant research publications and citations, and teaching at the undergraduate, MBA, executive MBA, and doctoral levels, in the U.S. and top international universities around the world. Dr. Mukherjee also serves as the editor for the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing* (IJPHM).

About **THE COLLEGE**

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (CBSS) was established in 2018 during the consolidation of Armstrong State University in Savannah and Georgia Southern University. Since then, CBSS has grown into one of Georgia Southern's largest academic units. That pattern of growth continued with an 11% enrollment increase in Fall 2026.

The mission of the College is to create safe, strong, and healthy communities through education, research and creative scholarship, and community engagement. The focus of the College is to enhance cultural understanding and belonging, promote social, behavioral, and emotional health, and foster vibrant social, civic, and political institutions. In keeping with the University's mission and values, CBSS aims for real-world impacts from its efforts.

The College enrolls approximately 3,550 undergraduate and 290 graduate students. Of the undergraduates, 2,440 are on the Statesboro campus, 475 are on the Armstrong campus in Savannah, 70 are on the Liberty campus, and 575 pursue their studies online. Most of the graduate students are online (140), while 120 are on the Statesboro campus, and 30 are on the Armstrong campus.

The College employs 136 full-time faculty members, 106 (78%) of whom are tenured or on the tenure track. Faculty members are organized in five departments: Criminal Justice and Criminology, Political Science and International Studies, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, Public and Nonprofit Studies, and the unique School of Human Ecology. The departments offer seven undergraduate programs and seven graduate programs, and the School of Human Ecology offers four undergraduate programs.

CBSS faculty members are passionate about their teaching mission and the role of community engagement in helping to prepare graduates who are equipped to excel in a competitive, complex, and dynamic society. They are committed to the essential nature of their disciplines in the University's undergraduate general education curriculum while also fostering deep learning in the College's major programs. In addition, they actively engage with the impactful "Ready Day 1" career development initiative, promoted by the University's Office of Career and Professional Development, that builds career readiness competencies from first year coursework through the full academic experience.

While programs are nominally housed either on the Statesboro or Savannah campuses or are offered online, CBSS faculty members also serve students on the Liberty (Hinesville) and East Georgia (Swainsboro) campuses.

Programs

CBSS Undergraduate Programs	Program Location
Anthropology (BA)	Statesboro
Criminal Justice and Criminology (BS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Online
Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design (BS)	Savannah, Online
Human Development and Family Science (BS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Online
Interior Architecture and Design (BS)	Statesboro
International Studies (BS)	Statesboro, Online
Political Science (BS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Online
Psychology (BS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, Online
Public Policy (BS)	Online
Recreation and Tourism Management (BS)	Statesboro
Sociology (BS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Online

CBSS Graduate Programs	Program Location
Clinical Psychology (PsyD)	Statesboro
Criminal Justice and Criminology (MS)	Statesboro, Savannah, Online
Cybercrime (Graduate Certificate)	Savannah, Online
Nonprofit Management, Leadership, and Innovation (Graduate Certificate)	Statesboro
Psychology (MS)	Statesboro, Savannah
Public Administration (MPA)	Statesboro, Online
Social Science (MA)	Statesboro, Online

About the College (continued)

Research is an essential element of the faculty's role in CBSS, both in terms of the student learning experience and advancing the critical knowledge and understanding needed to address contemporary challenges. Examples of research activity in CBSS include learning disorders, social gerontology, sex trafficking, and political science and international affairs. The state-of-the-art R. M. Bogan Archaeological Repository supports research that seeks to understand the cultures and settlement patterns spanning 14,000 years of human history in south Georgia. The Clinical Psychology program provides psychological services to the community through its Psychology Clinic, which serves as a training facility for its students under the supervision of licensed psychologists. Meeting human needs in our interior spaces for living and working is the focus of evidence-based design practice in the accredited Interior Design program. The School of Human Ecology houses the Child Development Center, which provides daycare services and opportunities for training and research. The Dean oversees all research and training activities in the College.

Based on the recommendation of the Dean of the College, the University President appoints alumni and friends of the College to serve on the College Advisory Board. Through their external perspective on the disciplines represented in the College, the Board advises the Dean on the development and growth of the College and its Departments.



Accreditation

Georgia Southern University holds institutional accreditation from the The Commission on Colleges and Universities (formerly Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges or SACSCOC), to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Specific programs within CBSS hold specialized professional accreditations.

- Master of Public Administration (MPA): The MPA program housed in the Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation.
- Doctor of Psychology (PsyD): The PsyD program in the Department of Psychology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA).
- Recreation, Tourism and Event Management: The B.S. program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT).
- Interior Architecture and Design: The B.S. program through the School of Human Ecology is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).



The Opportunity

Georgia Southern University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (CBSS). The University seeks a dynamic, visionary, and energetic executive leader to shape the College's future, advance academic and research excellence, expand its impact, and strengthen its regional and national profile.

CBSS plays a multifaceted role in the University, from supporting undergraduate general education to deep and practical learning in its major programs and experiential learning opportunities to consequential contributions to community well-being through, among others, non-profit management, early childhood education, and counseling psychology. The Dean understands and advocates for the College's broad portfolio of programs, its core values of liberal education and career development, and its future opportunities for growth and expanded impact. The next Dean of CBSS will articulate a compelling future for the College and a suitable role for each of the programs and each of the campuses in living into that future.

The Position

Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean serves as chief executive and principal ambassador for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, providing strategic leadership, institutional vision, and responsible stewardship of the College's approximately \$15.3M operating budget. The next Dean will build on the College's strengths, drive innovation and growth, and expand its impact. Based on a solid foundation and working collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, alumni, University leadership, and external partners, the Dean will sustain and enhance academic excellence, strengthen interdisciplinary engagement, elevate research productivity and funding, and spearhead entrepreneurial initiatives. As the College's leading advocate, the Dean will champion its mission to understand and improve the human condition and communities across the region, state, nation, and globe.

Recognizing Georgia Southern's designation as a Carnegie Community Engagement institution, the Dean will serve as a visible and effective bridge between the College and the communities it serves, cultivating strategic partnerships that enhance the College's reach, relevance, and influence in parallel with its enrollment growth and expanded academic program portfolio. At a time of significant change and opportunity across the disciplines represented in the College, Georgia Southern University seeks a Dean with the vision, credibility, and collaborative leadership to guide the College toward new levels of distinction.

This is a 12-month tenured faculty appointment with rank at the professor level. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications, experience, and leadership responsibility. The CBSS Dean is supported by a Senior Associate Dean, an Associate Dean, an Assistant Dean, a Director of Development, and administrative staff members.

Leadership Challenges, Opportunities, and Priorities

- Georgia Southern University anticipates classification as a R1 university (very high research activity) for the 2023-2026 cycle. While R1 status is an opportunity to elevate visibility and reputation across the institution, it poses challenges including resources, infrastructure, faculty hiring and evaluation, research mentoring, time for research, and new graduate programs, including some at the doctoral level. In addition to leading the College in meeting those challenges, the Dean must articulate what R1 status means in the context of each of the various disciplines in CBSS.
- The CBSS dean is expected to meaningfully collaborate with other colleges in the university and contribute to the University's ICUEs (Interdisciplinary Clusters of University Excellence; see above) and other University goals and priorities. In order to fulfill the College's potential, the Dean must help secure the resources, ensure alignment of incentives, and provide guidance to the faculty.
- Student belonging and success remain central to the value proposition of CBSS programs. Meanwhile, Georgia Southern generally and CBSS specifically are enjoying a period of exciting enrollment growth. The Dean will need to ensure that the value of the student experience and growth are mutually sustainable, calling for strategic resource allocations and advocacy for the College, both within Georgia Southern and with the state system and external partners.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a confounding presence in higher education. The Dean will need to support faculty members grappling with the challenges and opportunities presented by AI and participate in broader conversations about best practices regarding the role of AI in higher education and in the CBSS disciplines.
- The College's current organizational structure results from structures in place when the College was established. In order to purposefully prepare for the future, foster greater operational efficiency, manage growth, expand the College's academic portfolio, and encourage collaboration within CBSS and across the University, the Dean will need to engage the College faculty in a review of the College's organizational structure.
- The Dean's strong support for shared governance and the role of the faculty in College and University governance is expected. The faculty looks for a Dean who will vigorously uphold academic freedom and promote the human and societal value of the disciplines in the College.
- The Dean will be prepared to embody the importance of presence on multiple campuses with distinct student populations and to support faculty and staff members serving those populations.

Professional Qualifications

Georgia Southern University seeks an accomplished and visionary leader to serve as dean. The successful candidate will bring a record of academic excellence, strategic leadership, strong interpersonal and communication skills, entrepreneurial initiative, and a deep commitment to the mission of the College and University. The Dean will work effectively with senior leadership, faculty, students, staff, alumni, donors, and external partners to advance the College's goals and strengthen its impact.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following qualifications, experiences, and credentials:

- The successful candidate will have a discipline–appropriate earned terminal degree. The candidate's record of teaching and research or creative productivity must be accomplished and qualify for a tenured appointment as a (full) professor in one of the disciplines housed in CBSS.
- The successful candidate will have experience in academic administration at the level of department chair or above that includes effective resource allocation and data–informed decision–making, possibly with different budget models and preferably in a state system of higher education. Experience overseeing a broad portfolio of academic disciplines and zero-based budgeting will be very useful.
- Experience in a Carnegie research institution is highly desirable, particularly in the context of supporting faculty members transitioning to elevated expectations of research and obtaining external funding.
- The successful candidate will have an entrepreneurial spirit to enhance academic excellence as enrollment grows. Experience with curricular innovation, including graduate programs and certificate/non–degree credentials, will contribute to the Dean's success.
- CBSS faculty members share a passion for teaching and community engagement, and the successful candidate will be prepared to translate institutional goals into faculty goals while respecting deeply held faculty values.
- The successful candidate will show evidence of vision, integrity, empathy, creativity, and energy, will possess collegial, collaborative, and diplomatic skills, and will understand and appreciate the value of liberal arts, professional education, and scholarly and applied research.

Nominations and Applications

Representing AGB Search, Senior Executive Search Consultant Garry W. Owens and Executive Search Consultant Carl O. Moses will be assisting Georgia Southern University. Should prospective nominators or potential candidates have questions or wish to seek additional information prior to submitting materials, they are encouraged to email Dr. Lynn DellaPietra, Executive Search Associate (GSUDeanCBSS@agbsearch.com), who will assist in arranging a time for a confidential conversation with either Dr. Owens or Dr. Moses.

Applicants are requested to submit the following materials:

1. A letter of interest that specifically addresses how the candidate's experiences and qualifications intersect with the Georgia Southern University Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Science's listed professional qualifications, attributes, and the Leadership Challenges, Opportunities, and Priorities outlined in the Leadership Profile;
2. A current curriculum vitae; and
3. A list of five professional references with email addresses, telephone numbers, and a brief explanation of your professional relationship. (References will not be contacted without prior authorization from the applicant.)

For full consideration, application materials should be submitted through the AGB Search portal system by November 13, 2026. Please direct any questions regarding the application process to GSUDeanCBSS@agbsearch.com. Nominations and expressions of interest are encouraged and should be directed to the same address. All communications with AGB Search will be held in confidence.

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More information about the institution is available through GeorgiaSouthern.edu

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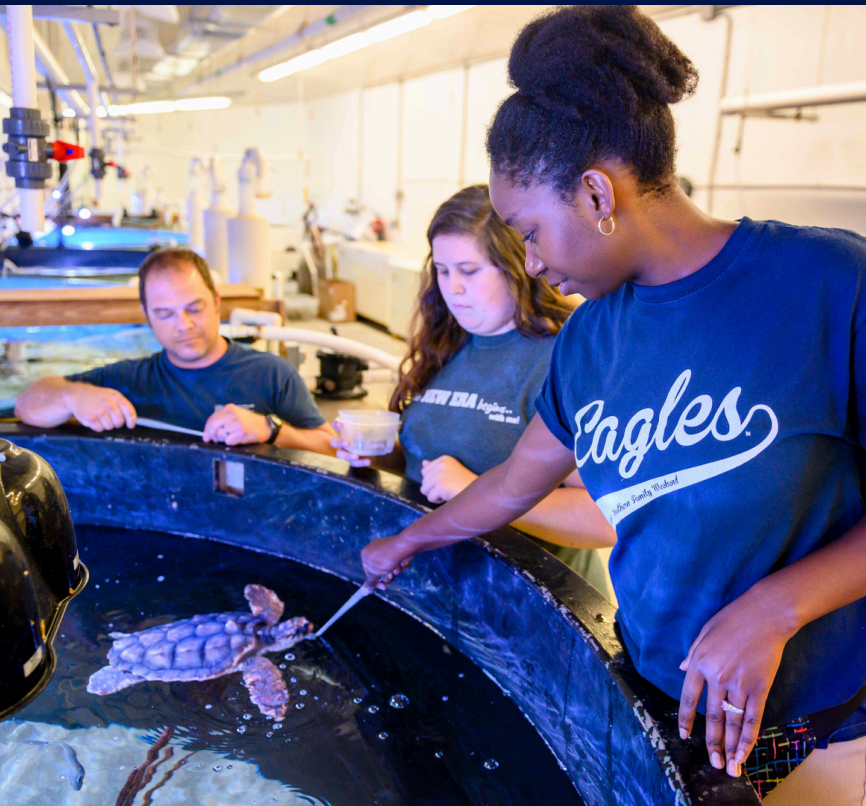
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