



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
**MEDICAL COLLEGE
OF GEORGIA**

2017

FACT SHEET

The influence of Georgia's only public medical school spans from its founding nearly 200 years ago, in 1828, as the nation's fifth public medical school, the third medical school in the Southeast and the 13th in the nation, to its current role optimizing health care in Georgia and beyond through education, discovery and service.

ABOUT MCG

The Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University's founding school, is the state's leading provider of physicians, graduating the largest number of physicians of the five medical schools in Georgia. More than 51 percent of MCG graduates remain in Georgia to practice, well above the average retention rate of 39 percent. In 2016, MCG graduated more than two times the physicians going into primary care and core specialties – like family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine and general surgery – than any other medical school in the state of Georgia.

Statewide growth of medical education is a priority at MCG. Expanding partnerships with physicians and hospitals throughout Georgia ensures that students experience the full spectrum of medicine, from urban hospitals to small-town solo practices, with a focus on primary care and providing health care to medically underserved areas. The educational experience is anchored by MCG's main campus in Augusta, as well as three regional clinical campuses and a four-year campus in Athens in partnership with the University of Georgia.

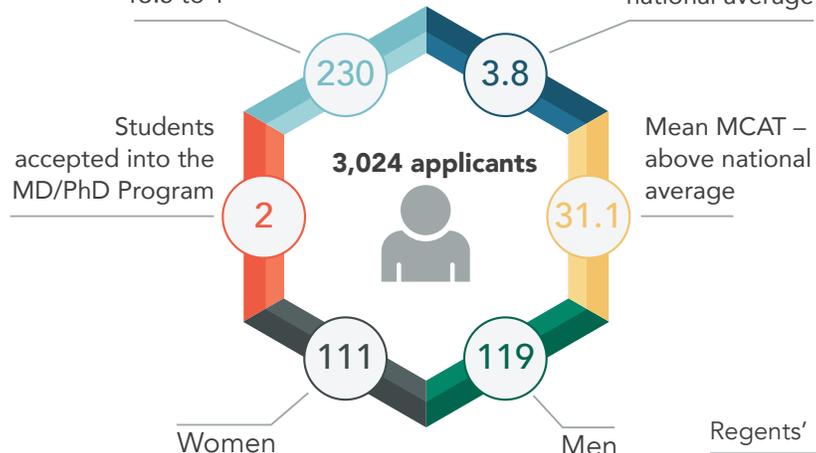
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Positions with an acceptance ratio of 13.5 to 1

CLASS OF 2020

Overall GPA – above the national average

- First-time taker pass rate and mean scores for Step 1 and 2 of the US Medical Licensing Examination are consistently at or above the national average.
- 60 percent of MCG students participate in research projects.

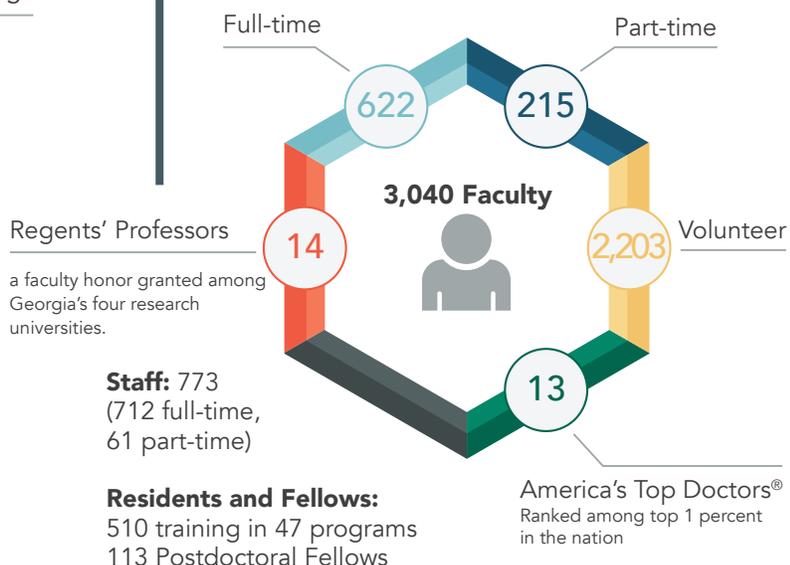


FY 2017 Budget: \$343,043,375

Tuition: \$28,358 + fees, Georgia residents
\$56,716 + fees, non-residents

Average Student Debt: Class of 2016, \$165,590
(National Average: \$168,392)

WORKFORCE



ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

MEDICAL STUDENTS

PHD STUDENTS



STELLAR STUDENTS

- MCG has the 8th largest total enrollment in the nation.
- 95 percent of MCG students are Georgia residents, representing widely diverse cultural, socioeconomic, and academic backgrounds. The state's medical school is committed to ensuring each class is diverse and reflective of the state it serves.
- As part of their curriculum, MCG students will log more than 9,000 hours of volunteer work, collectively, over their first and second years of medical school. They volunteer in the community and beyond, including staffing an after-hours health care clinic for Augusta's homeless and underinsured, tutoring disadvantaged youth, and running a farmer's market that offers fresh produce and ideas on healthy eating to inner city residents. They also regularly volunteer at programs aimed at inspiring the next generation of physicians.

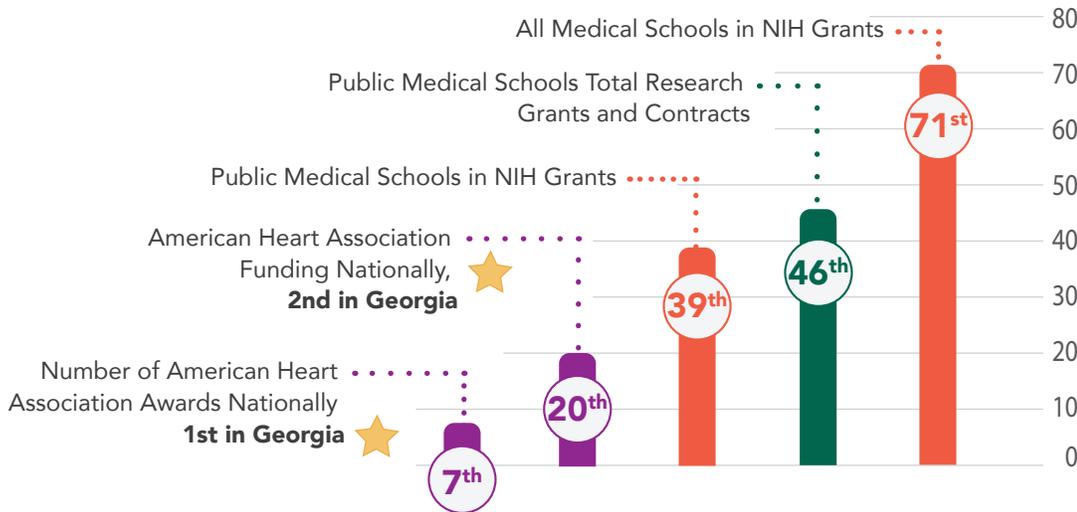
MATCHMAKERS

- In 2017, 211 MCG seniors obtained residency positions in 18 specialties in 38 states. 49 percent matched in primary care.
- 28 percent will stay in Georgia for their first post-graduate year, 17 percent at MCG/Augusta University Health or MCG-affiliated residency programs, including Medical Partnership programs in Athens and Wellstar/Kennestone in Atlanta. Their match rate was 98 percent, higher than the national average.

ALUMNI:

- Nearly 9,000 living and located alumni
- 4,526 living in GA
- 1 in 5 Georgia physicians went to school or completed their residency at MCG/AU Health.

RANKINGS



RANKED BY

* Association of American Medical Colleges, 2015

* Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research

* American Heart Association

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE & EMPHASIS

Research funding has steadily increased over the last 10 years. MCG has \$97 million in total grants and contracts in FY 2016, including over \$45 million in National Institutes of Health funding. MCG has a strong commitment to research, built on a proud tradition that boasts achievements like laying the groundwork for fertility treatments and beta-blocking drugs for cardiac arrhythmias, which won Dr. Raymond Ahlquist MCG's first Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research. Another MCG scientist, Dr. Virgil Sydenstricker, was nominated for a Nobel Prize for his research on the use of nicotinic acid in pellagra therapy.

Areas of emphasis include:

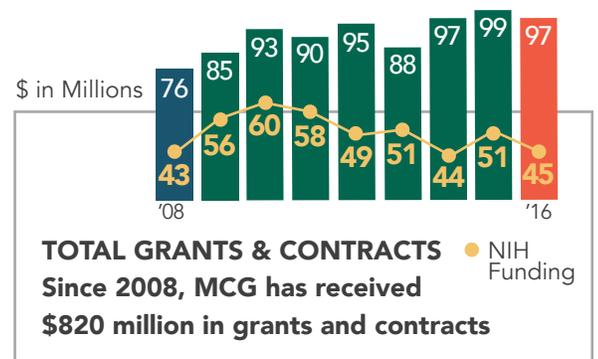
- Cardiovascular biology and disease
- Cancer
- Neuroscience and behavioral science
- Reparative and regenerative medicine
- Personalized medicine and genomics
- Vision
- Diabetes and obesity
- Aging
- Population health



THE DEAN

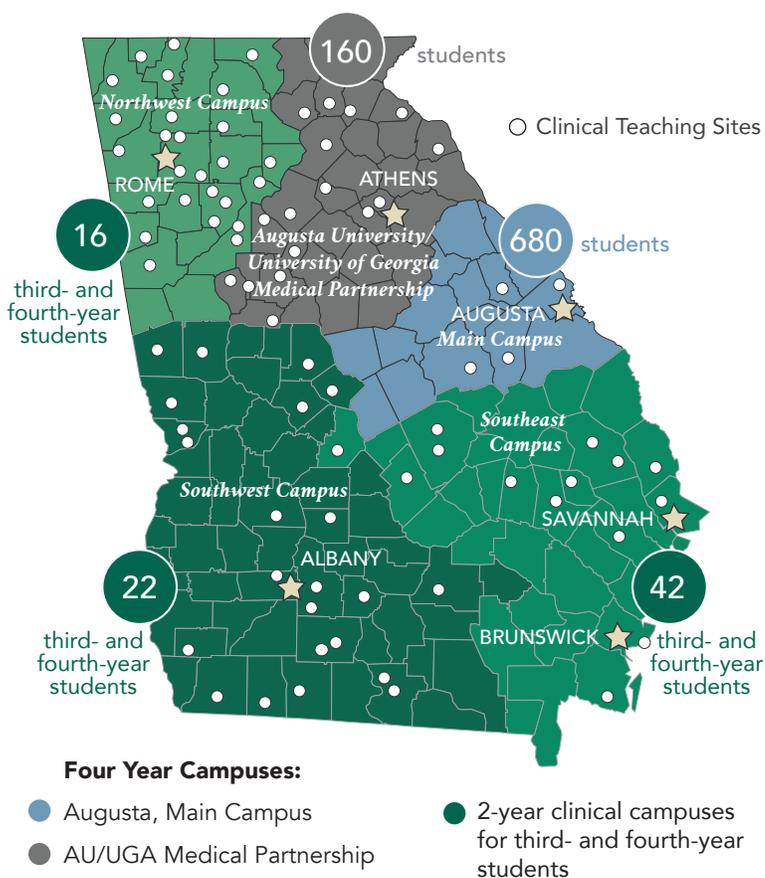
David C. Hess, M.D., a stroke specialist, honored educator and biotech entrepreneur, became MCG's 27th Dean and Augusta University's Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration in 2017. He also continues to serve as Professor and Presidential Distinguished Chair.

MCG is beneficiary of programmatic support by the Georgia Research Alliance, which is an internationally acclaimed model for bringing business, research universities and state government together to create and sustain a vibrant, technology-driven economy. Currently, eight GRA Eminent Scholars lead extraordinary research and development programs at MCG.



STATEWIDE IMPACT

- In 2006, class size grew from 180 to 190 students, the first increase in 32 years. The opening of the AU/UGA Medical Partnership in Athens four years later enabled the addition of 40 more students, bringing the MCG total class size to 230.
- The J. Harold Harrison, M.D., Education Commons, academic home of MCG's Augusta campus, opened in 2015.
- Strategic growth is enabled by clinical campuses for third- and fourth-year students across Georgia. The campuses accommodate residential students, from Augusta and Athens, as well as numerous transitional students, from both campuses, who come to the campus and region for individual rotations. Students train at more than 200 sites across the state.



AUGUSTA
UNIVERSITY

Augusta University, home of the Medical College of Georgia, is one of four public comprehensive research institutions in Georgia.

The university includes nine colleges and schools with nearly 9,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty members, 7,000 staff members, and 125 educational programs. In addition to housing the nation's 13th oldest medical school, Augusta University is home to the state's only dental school, an aligned and integrated health system, a growing intercollegiate athletics program, and the highly respected Hull College of Business.



Clinical service also targets the diverse needs of the state and nation, from frontline wellness care to complex care for the sickest adults and children. Assets include:

- 478-bed adult hospital
- 154-bed children's hospital
- 13-county region's only Level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center
- The Medical Office Building, with more than 80 outpatient practice sites in one building
- Other practice sites include Lake Oconee Village in Greensboro and the West Wheeler Medical Clinic in West Augusta. MCG faculty physicians also see patients at around 80 sites across Georgia.
- Alliances across the state, including an affiliation with Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation and a long-standing relationship to manage health care for 59 adult prison facilities for the Georgia Department of Corrections and a new relationship with the state's Department of Juvenile Justice to manage health care for 26 facilities.
- This year, the health system also launched the Center for Rural Health Study and Support, to support statewide coordination of clinical and educational outreach, as well as multidisciplinary research.

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy remains a top priority for medical college leadership.

- MCG has 61 endowed chairs, an all-time high.
- The current endowment for the medical school at the Medical College of Georgia Foundation is approximately \$172 million.
- MCG students were awarded nearly \$3 million in scholarships during the 2015-16 academic year.
- Gifts to the state's public medical school help pay for building projects like the J. Harold Harrison, M.D., Education Commons; fund scholarships and endowed chairs that help recruit and retain the best and brightest students and faculty; and support the Dean's Fund, which enables activities like external lecturers and research opportunities for residents and fellows.
- MCG received philanthropic gifts from more than 1,100 donors in 2016.

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