



# AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

## *Emergency Medical Services Fellowship*

We are glad you are interested in our program at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

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Established in 2014, the Emergency Medical Services Fellowship finds its home in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and is ACGME accredited.

We as a department have a wonderful relationship with the Medical College of Georgia and its students which lends itself to a very robust educational environment. Our fellowship enjoys our unique EMS fellowship curriculum and the internationally known faculty can provide EMS fellows with a thorough and exciting experience.

Some of the unique MCG fellowship benefits include: possessing a dedicated EMS response vehicle, providing pre-hospital care at the famous Masters golf tournament and teaching & interacting with local, regional, national and international agencies (FEMA, DHS, DOJ, DoD, etc.).



We challenge ourselves to meet our fellows' expectations for high quality, innovative learning experiences by providing the robust clinical platform to maximize career potential and fulfill personal and professional goals in a supportive, diverse and inclusive environment.



We know you'll find Augusta to be a warm, family-friendly city with southern charm and unwavering hospitality and we hope that you will pick Augusta University to continue your training.

We have compiled this packet for your review and hope that you find Augusta University and Augusta,

Georgia is a great place to live and work.

Thank you for your interest in our fellowship program, and if you need additional information, please contact us at 706-721-5592.

Our faculty and fellows look forward to getting to know you better!

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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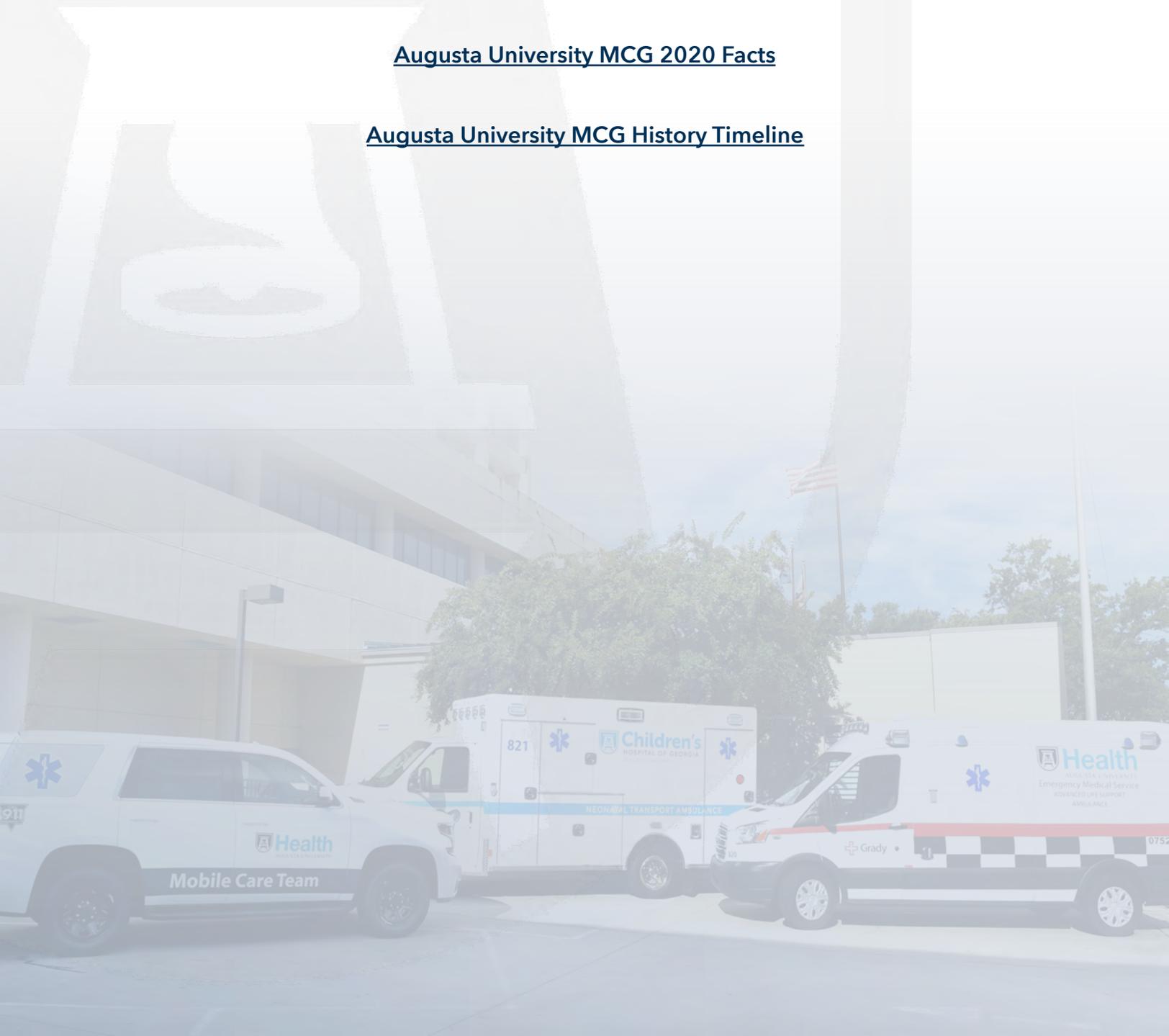
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# Augusta

GEORGIA

Augusta is a major city located in the Central Savannah River Area with a metro population of more than half a million people.

It is one of the oldest and largest cities of Georgia with a history dating back to the early 1700s and finds nine neighborhoods in the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, Augusta is home to a thriving culinary scene, and residents show a deep appreciation for the arts and the outdoors. Alive with music, art galleries, boutique shops, countless culinary pleasures, a beautiful Riverwalk and year-round events.

Augusta ranks in the "Top 100 Best Places to Live" by U.S. News. Augusta also ranks in the "Top 200 Best Places for Business and Careers" and the "Top 100 for Cost of Doing Business" by Forbes. Neighboring Augusta, is Evans which was rated "#1 Best Place to Live in 2020" by Money.

Augusta offers a better value than similarly sized metro areas when you compare housing costs to median household income. Cost of Living is 6.7% below national average, making Augusta an attractive place to call home.

Augusta Regional Airport offers services to Atlanta and Charlotte via major airlines, Delta and American Airline, making Augusta easily accessible. Augusta is the epicenter for traveling to several major cities, the beach, and the mountains by only an hour to two and a half hour drive. Cities near by are;

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| <a href="#"><u>Ashville, NC</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Atlanta, GA</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>Charleston, SC</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Charlotte, NC</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>Columbia, SC</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Hilton Head, SC</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Helen, GA</u></a>      | <a href="#"><u>Savannah, GA</u></a>  |

Augusta is known for the Masters, Manufacturing, Medical, and Military.

- Augusta University Health bolsters more than \$1.4 Billion to local and state economy.
- Masters Golf Tournament. An internationally known and televised yearly event that bring \$35 Million in estimated revenue and a \$5.1 Billion estimated economic impact on Georgia's economy. Over 250, 000 people visit the Augusta area each year for the Masters. The historic event ensures that Augusta is known worldwide.
- E-Z-Go Textron, Covidien, Southern Company, Boral Brick, Coca-Cola, Elanco, Starbucks, International Paper, Medtronic, Kellogg, Unisys, ADP, and John Deere are a handful of manufactures and business facilities in Augusta. Augusta has an attractive lower operating cost for companies with Southern Business & Development magazine naming Augusta as one of the "Top Ten Places in the South with Plenty of Talented Labor."
- Augusta, Augusta University, and Fort Gordon are becoming the epicenter for cyber innovation and security with the addition of a world-class cyber range and training facility in Augusta.

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**Augusta University  
Benefit Plan Summary**

Full benefits are available to Residents/Housestaff who have a work commitment of .75 or more. Residents/Housestaff who have a work commitment between .50 and .74 are eligible supplemental retirement.

Plan	Coverage Information	Monthly Premiums (January 2021-December 2021)			
HEALTH	<p>Comprehensive health care insurance plans administered by Anthem (BCBS of Georgia), including dependent coverage. Approximately 70% of the cost is paid by Augusta University. New employees have the choice of plans: (1) Comprehensive Care (2) Consumer Choice HSA (3) HMO.</p> <p>*If you, your spouse and any dependent over the age of 18 are a tobacco user, you will incur a \$100.00 per month tobacco usage surcharge.</p> <p>**If you cover your spouse on medical and your spouse has an offer of subsidized coverage through their employer, you will incur a \$100.00 per month working spouse surcharge.</p> <p>***J-1 Visa holders are not eligible for the Consumer Choice HSA plan.</p>	<p>Employee Only</p> <p>Employee Premium</p> <p>Employer Portion</p> <p>Total</p> <p>EE+Child(ren)</p> <p>Employee Premium</p> <p>Employer Portion</p> <p>Total</p> <p>EE+Spouse</p> <p>Employee Premium</p> <p>Employer Portion</p> <p>Total</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Employee Premium</p> <p>Employer Portion</p> <p>Total</p>	<p>Comprehensive Care</p> <p>\$187.96</p> <p>\$459.16</p> <p>\$647.94</p> <p>\$364.50</p> <p>\$801.79</p> <p>\$1,166.29</p> <p>\$425.26</p> <p>\$935.41</p> <p>\$1,360.67</p> <p>\$603.94</p> <p>\$1,339.88</p> <p>\$1,943.82</p>	<p>Consumer Choice HSA</p> <p>\$81.86</p> <p>\$459.16</p> <p>\$541.02</p> <p>\$173.52</p> <p>\$800.32</p> <p>\$973.84</p> <p>\$202.44</p> <p>\$933.70</p> <p>\$1,136.14</p> <p>\$283.18</p> <p>\$1,339.88</p> <p>\$1,623.06</p>	<p>HMO</p> <p>\$222.98</p> <p>\$460.08</p> <p>\$683.03</p> <p>\$427.54</p> <p>\$801.91</p> <p>\$1,229.45</p> <p>\$498.80</p> <p>\$935.56</p> <p>\$1,434.36</p> <p>\$709.20</p> <p>\$1,339.89</p> <p>\$2,049.09</p>
DENTAL	Augusta University provides two comprehensive dental plans through Delta Dental Insurance.	<p>Employee</p> <p>EE+Child (Children)</p> <p>EE+Spouse</p> <p>Family</p>	<p>Delta Base Plan</p> <p>\$31.98</p> <p>\$60.74</p> <p>\$63.96</p> <p>\$102.32</p>	<p>Delta High Plan</p> <p>\$39.52</p> <p>\$75.08</p> <p>\$79.00</p> <p>\$126.46</p>	
VISION	Augusta University provides a vision plan through EyeMed.	<p>Employee</p> <p>EE+Child (Children)</p> <p>EE+Spouse</p> <p>Family</p>	<p>\$6.90</p> <p>\$13.12</p> <p>\$15.52</p> <p>\$20.34</p>		
BASIC LIFE	Free \$25,000 coverage for employee only.	Employer Cost \$16.33 per month.			
SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE	1 to 8 times annual salary. Coverage is for employees only. Coverage per \$1,000.00 of annual salary. Age calculated. Max is \$2,500,000.	<p>Under 25= {\$0.057}</p> <p>40-44={\$0.109}</p> <p>60-64={\$0.590}</p>	<p>25-29={\$0.066}</p> <p>45-49={\$0.143}</p> <p>65-69={\$1.175}</p>	<p>30-34={\$0.083}</p> <p>50-54={\$0.212}</p> <p>70+={\$2.026}</p>	<p>35-39={\$0.091}</p> <p>55-59={\$0.384}</p>
CHILD LIFE	Coverage is for dependent children only. No dependent can be covered by more than one employee.	<p>\$5,000 = \$0.50</p> <p>\$10,000 = \$1.00</p> <p>\$15,000 = \$1.50</p>			
SPOUSE LIFE	Spouse can be enrolled in increments of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000.	<p>Under 25= {\$0.043}</p> <p>40-44={\$0.087}</p> <p>60-64={\$0.592}</p>	<p>25-29={\$0.052}</p> <p>45-49={\$0.133}</p> <p>65-69={\$1.140}</p>	<p>30-34={\$0.070}</p> <p>50-54={\$0.205}</p> <p>70-74={\$1.850}</p>	<p>35-39={\$0.079}</p> <p>55-59={\$0.385}</p> <p>75+={\$3.001}</p>
PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE	For employees: elect in increments of \$10,000 not to exceed the maximum of \$500,000. For employee and family: coverage for spouse if no children, is 50% of employee's coverage. If there are children, spouse's coverage is 40%, each child is 10%.	<p>Employee Only: \$0.16 per month per \$10,000 of coverage.</p> <p>Family: \$0.28 per month per \$10,000 of coverage.</p>			
SHORT TERM DISABILITY	Provides income in the event of your disability. There is a 14 day waiting period. Premiums are calculated based upon your age and salary.	ALL Ages \$0.282 per \$10 of covered benefit.			
LONG TERM DISABILITY	Provided at no cost to Residents/Housestaff. Premiums are paid by AU for the duration of employment.	Coverage provided is \$2,000 per month.			
CRITICAL ILLNESS PLAN	Provides cash benefits when an insured person is diagnosed with or treated for a covered critical illness. Benefits are paid directly to you. Plan offered by AFLAC.	Premiums vary depending on the plans and level of coverage.			

ACCIDENT PLAN	Pays you benefits for specific injuries and events resulting from a covered accident. Plan offered by Voya.	Employee EE+Child (Children) EE+Spouse Family	\$7.13 \$13.94 \$11.88 \$18.69
HOSPITAL INDEMNITY PLAN	Pays a daily benefit if you have a covered stay in a hospital, critical care unit, or rehabilitation facility. Plan offered by Voya.	Employee EE+Child (Children) EE+Spouse Family	\$9.83 \$14.86 \$20.00 \$25.03
LEGAL PLAN	Provides support and protection for unexpected personal legal issues.	Monthly premium \$16.96	
IDENTITY PROTECTION	Provides the next generation of identity protection with PrivacyArmour Plus.	\$8.95 per person/month \$16.95 per family/month	
PET INSURANCE	Provides superior protection at an unbeatable price through Nationwide Insurance.	Premiums vary. Premium and enrollment can be completed through <a href="http://petinsurance.com/usg">petinsurance.com/usg</a> or call 1-877-738-7874.	
TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY/DEFERRED COMPENSATION	Augusta University offers traditional 403(b) and 457 plans which allow employees to defer income tax on part of salary and Roth 403(b) and Roth 457(b). Payment of state and federal taxes on the deferred portion is not required until the year it is withdrawn by the employee.	Contributions are determined by the employee. Max is \$19,500 per year if under age 50. Max is \$26,000 per year if over age 50.	
DEPENDENT CARE & HEALTH CARE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT	Allows you to contribute pre-tax dollars to an account if you have regular daycare and healthcare expenses. The funds are deducted from paycheck and employee is reimbursed for eligible expenses from the account. Unused balance will remain with Augusta University.	Dependent Care Maximum of \$5,000 per year. HealthCare Maximum is \$2,750 per year.	
LIMITED PURPOSE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT	Allows an additional tax-free account for those enrolled in the Consumer Choice HSA healthcare plan. The funds are deducted from paycheck and employee is reimbursed for eligible dental and vision expenses from the account. Unused balance will remain with Augusta University.	Maximum of \$2,750 per year.	
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA)	A health savings account allows employees to make contributions on a pre-tax or after-tax basis. Employees can use the funds that have been contributed into the account for Qualified Medical Expenses (QME) or for general expenses in retirement.	<b>Contribution Limits</b> Single Coverage: \$3,600 - \$375 (less employer match)  Family Coverage: \$7,200 - \$750 (less employer match)	<b>Annual Employer Matching Seed Maximum:</b>   *Must be enrolled in the Consumer Choice HSA. J-1 Visa holders are not eligible.
MILITARY LEAVE	18 Working days in any one federal fiscal year, Oct.1-Sept.30. May not exceed eighteen workdays in any one Federal fiscal year. Paid military leave cannot exceed eighteen days in any one continuous period of absence.		
JURY DUTY	Full pay while on jury duty.		
SOCIAL SECURITY	Current contribution rates - 7.65% of monthly gross salary by employees and 7.65% by Augusta University.		
WORKERS COMPENSATION	Full coverage for on-the-job injuries as specified by the Georgia Employment Security Law.		
TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Tuition Assistance waives the tuition and fees for employees enrolled in courses on Augusta University campus and at other USG institutions. This program is available to full-time (100% work commitment) employees who have completed six continuous months of regular employment and are working towards a degree at one of the 28 participating USG institutions. Such eligibility must exist by the application deadline. This program waives the cost of up to nine (9) hours of tuition and fees per semester. USG distance learning and web-based courses are eligible.		
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	An assessment and counseling program for all employees. Provides counseling for psychological problems.		
Augusta University ALERT	Augusta University maintains a mass notification system that allows you to receive emergency messages on multiple devices which includes outdoor warning sirens. Staff and students have been electronically subscribed to Augusta University alert. To review your contact information, make updates, or add additional phone numbers, log into the PAWS portal and select the Augusta University Alert icon.		

Augusta University  
House Officer Notice of Appointment

Name: John Doe  
Resident PGY Level:  
Department:

Employee ID # \*\*\*\*\*

The House Officer accepts appointment with Augusta University under the following terms and conditions:

1. **Duration:** Begins \_\_\_\_\_ and ends \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Compensation:** At the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
3. **Living Quarters:** Call rooms will be available for residents on call overnight at the AU Medical Center Hospitals and Clinics. House Officers who are required to remain in-house while on call will be provided with a meal or a meal allowance for use at the hospital facilities. Uniforms are not provided. Laundry services are arranged by each department. The arrangements at other facilities may vary.
4. **Time Off:** Twenty one (21) days, consisting of 15 weekdays and 6 weekend days of annual leave are granted to House Officers according to their contract dates each year which must be taken in (7) day blocks unless otherwise approved by your Program Director. Vacation days must be taken within the contract period and no compensation will be received for unused vacation days. Fourteen (14) days of paid Medical leave per twelve-month period within the contract term, and no compensation will be received for unused sick days.
5. **Professional Liability:** Coverage is provided by Augusta University for activities within the scope of the training program. Coverage is contingent upon the terms of those policies, and upon the House Officer's cooperation and assistance in reporting, investigating, and defending any claim or potential claim. Your insurance will continue to cover you for occurrences during your employment at Augusta University even after you leave, i.e. "tail coverage."
6. **Criminal Background Check:** This contract is contingent upon your consenting to a criminal background check through the Augusta University Division of Public Safety, and upon Augusta University's approval of the results of that background check.
7. **Licensure:** This contract is contingent on your being able to practice medicine in Georgia. To do so, you must have either a valid residency training permit, or an unrestricted license to practice medicine, issued by the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Your program may also require you to obtain a regular license. NOTE: You cannot moonlight or practice medicine outside of your residency program without a full, regular license from the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. J-1 or H1B visa holders are not allowed to moonlight under any circumstance.
8. **Policies and Procedures:** This appointment is made subject to the policies, procedures and regulations of Augusta University and the Board of Regents of the University System of the State of Georgia, which are hereby incorporated into this contract by reference. The House Officer agrees to perform satisfactorily and to the best of his/her ability the customary services of residency; to conform to applicable policies, procedures and regulations; and not to engage in any outside remunerative work without the express permission of the Chairperson of the Department. Should the House Officer obtain permission for activities/work outside the scope of the training program, licensure and professional liability insurance coverage for said activities/work is the personal responsibility of the House Officer. House Officers also agree to abide by the policies at any institution where they may perform services, including AU Health System, U.S. Veterans' Administration, and others, as applicable. House Officers are required to comply with HS Policy 10.0 House Officer Duty Hours and Work Environment, and must complete One45 duty hour reporting monthly. House Officers are required to complete medical records at all participating institutions in a timely manner as outlined in applicable policies; noncompliance may serve as grounds for loss of privileges and a permanent record in the House Officer file.

The Augusta University Policies and procedures for House Officers govern the following conditions of your employment: annual, sick, parental and educational leave, licensure; residency supervision, House Officer responsibilities, duty hours; moonlighting; chemical/substance abuse or dependence; rotation to unaffiliated hospitals; effect of leave for satisfying completion of programs; House Officer eligibility, selection and promotion; procedures for discipline and redress of grievances; and procedures whereby complaints of sexual harassment and exploitation may be addressed in a manner consistent with the law and due process. These policies can be accessed at <http://www.augusta.edu/mcg/residents/hspolicies/index.php>, are on file in the Graduate Medical Education Office and distributed biannually to Program Directors as part of the web-based Housestaff Manual. The benefit plan summary, health and disability insurance, professional liability insurance information, and information related to eligibility for specialty board exams may also be viewed online at <http://www.augusta.edu/mcg/residents/>. Maternity and parental leave are outlined in the Augusta University Administrative Policies and procedures, Family Medical Leave (FMLA) Policy 1.4.34 [www.augusta.edu/hr/benefits/university\\_benefits/fmlaforms.php](http://www.augusta.edu/hr/benefits/university_benefits/fmlaforms.php) MCG House Officers have access to the MCG Employee/Faculty Assistance Program for mental health and counseling services.

I acknowledge that I have been informed of this information.

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David Hess, MD  
Dean, Medical College of Georgia

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date

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House Officer

Date

Augusta University  
House Staff Policies and Procedures

Policy  
HS 14.0 House Officer Eligibility and Selection

Source  
Graduate Medical Education Office

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1.0 Purpose

To officially define Graduate Medical Education eligibility requirements for the Residency Programs at Augusta University.

2.0 Procedure

The following procedure will be followed by Residency Program officials in evaluating applicant eligibility for residency positions and the selection of qualified candidates.

2.1 Eligibility Requirements:

Individuals with the following qualifications are eligible for Residency Programs at Augusta University:

- 2.1.1 Graduates of Medical Schools in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;
  - 2.1.2 Graduates of Osteopathic Schools in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association;
  - 2.1.3 Graduates of Medical Schools outside of the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico AND;
  - 2.1.4 Possess a current Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate, valid through the start date of the Program;
  - 2.1.5 Possess one of the following:
    - J1 Visa (exchange visitor), or will consider/review applications on a case by case basis for those who require sponsorship in other non-immigrant categories such as H1B, with final determination made by the Senior Associate Dean for GME and VA Affairs. If a resident is on an H1B visa and is approved for a resident program, there is a fee for the H1B petition that the Program must pay annually.
    - Before discussing sponsorship with a candidate, contact the GME Office for advice/instructions 1-7005
    - Valid Permanent Resident status, or
    - Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD).
- 2.2 Graduates of medical schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway program, which is an academic year of supervised clinical education provided by a LCME accredited medical school to students who meet the following conditions:
- 2.2.1 Must present a valid copy of Fifth Pathway Certificate.
  - 2.2.2 Completed an accredited college or university in the United States, undergraduate premedical education of the quality acceptable for matriculation in an accredited United States medical school.
  - 2.2.3 Studied at a medical school outside the United States and Canada but listed in the World Health Organization Directory of Medical Schools at the time of graduation.

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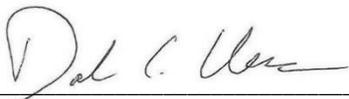
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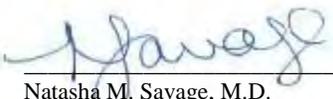
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- 2.2.4 Completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service.
  - 2.2.5 Attained a score satisfactory to the sponsoring medical school on a screening examination.
  - 2.2.6 Passed either the Foreign Medical Graduate examination in the Medical Sciences, Parts I and II of the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners, or steps 1 and 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE);
- 2.3 Program Requirements
- 2.3.1 Programs must select from eligible applicants and must not discriminate based on race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin, disability or veteran status.
  - 2.3.2 It is strongly urged that Programs participate in a House Officer matching organization such as the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).
  - 2.3.3 Obtain a valid unrestricted Georgia medical license or valid Temporary Training Permit.
- Enrollment of non-eligible applicants may be cause for the withdrawal of the involved program.

  
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David Hess, M.D.  
Dean, Medical College of Georgia

7/1/21  
Date

  
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Natasha M. Savage, M.D.  
Interim Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education and DIO

7/1/21  
Date



## MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

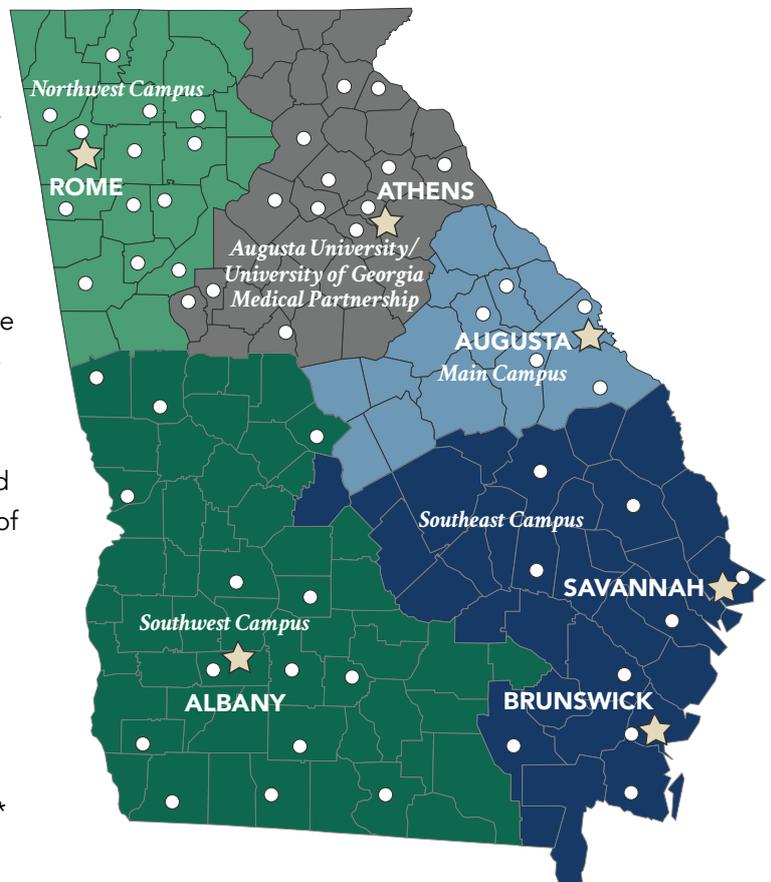
Augusta University's founding school, MCG is the state's leading provider of physicians, graduating the largest number of physicians of the four Georgia-based medical schools. Nearly 50% (48.1%) of our graduates remain in the state to practice.

Partnerships with physicians and hospitals throughout the state ensure that students experience the full spectrum of medicine – from urban hospitals to small-town solo practices. The educational experience is anchored in Augusta at the school's main campus, and includes three regional campuses, a second four-year campus in Athens in partnership with the University of Georgia and an expanding educational presence in Atlanta in partnership with WellStar Health System.

## CAMPUS AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS

- Main Campus (Augusta): 680
- Medical Partnership (Athens), second four-year campus: 170\*
- Southeast (Savannah/Brunswick), 45 third- and fourth-year students
- Southwest (Albany), 33 third- and fourth-year students
- Northwest (Rome), 20, third- and fourth-year students

\* 10 student increase per class beginning Fall 2020



○ locations of more than 350 clinical teaching sites

[augusta.edu/mcg](http://augusta.edu/mcg)

23 Academic Departments

5 Centers and Institutes  
(4 research & the Georgia  
Cancer Center)

930 Medical Students

26 MD/PhD Students

107 PhD Students

3,047 Volunteer Faculty

3,838 Total Faculty

576 Residents in 51 programs

866 Full- and Part-time Staff

66 Postdoctoral Fellows

791 Full- and Part-time Faculty

## CLASS OF 2023

230 positions, 3,100 applicants

123 female\*, 106 male\*

2 MD/PhD students

511 Average MCAT

3.8 Overall GPA

95% Georgia residents

\*one declined to answer

## CLASS OF 2020

- 218 obtained residencies in 31 specialties in 23 states
- 61% matched in primary care
- 31% will stay in Georgia for their first postgraduate year, 13% at MCG/AU Health or other MCG-affiliated residency programs
- Their match rate was 99%, higher than the national average

## ALUMNI

Nearly 9,000 living and located alumni, with 4,714 living in Georgia

## THE DEAN

David C. Hess, MD, a stroke specialist, honored educator, NIH-funded investigator 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 an investigator, physician and educator.

## PHILANTHROPY

82 endowed chairs and professorships, *an all-time high*

Current endowment for the medical school at the MCG Foundation: **\$181 million**

## FINANCES

FY2020 Budget: **\$420 million**  
(includes Georgia Cancer Center)

Annual Tuition:  
**\$28,358** + fees, Georgia residents  
**\$56,716** + fees, Nonresidents

## CLINICAL SERVICE

AU Health 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



## RESEARCH

### Areas of Emphasis:

- Aging
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular biology and disease
- Diabetes and obesity
- Neuroscience and behavioral science
- Personalized medicine and genomics
- Population health
- Reparative and regenerative medicine
- Vision
- **\$95 million in total grants and contracts**



- **Nearly \$51 million in NIH funding, 73<sup>rd</sup> among US medical schools**



- **\$6 million in AHA funding, 1<sup>st</sup> in Georgia**

Additional programmatic support is provided by the Georgia Research Alliance, an internationally acclaimed model for bringing business, research universities and state government together to create and sustain a vibrant, technology-driven economy.

## CONTACT

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**Graduate Medical Education:**  
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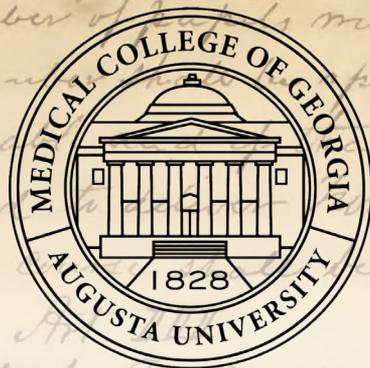
Regulations of the Medical Academy of Georgia  
adopted at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at their Meeting  
held in Augusta on Monday March 3<sup>d</sup> 1829

Art II

The Faculty of the Medical Academy of Georgia when in the  
opinion of the Board of Trustees the number of Students will justify  
the same shall consist of Six Professors who shall be chosen by  
the Board of Trustees and who shall deliver Four courses of Lectures  
annually on the following Subjects viz. Anatomy - Surgery - Natural  
Medicine - Institutes and Practice of Medicine - Midwifery and  
diseases of women and Children - Chemistry and Pharmacy.  
These Lectures shall be delivered at such hours as the Professors  
may agree on amongst themselves, provided that they are such  
hours as may be convenient for the attendance of the Students  
consistent with the regulations relative to the hours of Study or  
Confinement to the Institution, their arrangement to be subject to  
the Revision of the Board of Trustees

Art III

If any Professor shall ~~his~~ fail to prepare and deliver his courses  
at such time as these regulations may provide, it shall be the duty of  
the Board of Trustees to enquire in the Cause of his neglect and if  
wilful or from any avoidable cause, his Chair shall be declared vacant  
and another Professor elected in his stead. But until it can be as-  
certained that the number of Students will justify the appointment  
of six professors, such a number shall be appointed as the Board of  
Trustees may think advisable. The number shall not be less than four  
they shall not be required to deliver full courses in each year  
but at least one full course shall be delivered on each branch



## History Timeline

their Countenance and advice on the government of the School  
and in the furtherance of the objects which it is designed to accom-  
plish. In their resp the Executive Committee provided for in the act  
of Incorporation shall be vested with <sup>their</sup> power in all matters of govern-  
ment and exigency - their acts proceedings to be subject to the recon-

1828



■ **Dr. Milton Antony** leads the effort and the Georgia legislature charters the Medical Academy of Georgia on Dec. 20 authorizing it to award a bachelor of medicine degree. The Medical Academy would become the 13th U.S. medical school and the 5th public medical school to be established.

1829



■ **Dr. Lewis D. Ford** is selected as first dean. Classes begin at Augusta's City Hospital with three faculty and seven students.  
 ■ The state legislature changes the name to the Medical Institute of Georgia and authorizes it to award the doctorate of medicine.

1833

- The first four students graduate
- The state legislature changes the institution's name to the Medical College of Georgia.

1835

■ The medical college occupies the Old Medical College building, its first dedicated academic home, on Telfair Street on land conveyed by the trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. It houses the teaching facilities of the college through 1912.

1861

■ Classes are suspended during the Civil War, until 1865.

1873

■ An agreement is made for affiliation with the University of Georgia, though separate governance and financing are maintained. The name is changed to the Medical Department of the University of Georgia.

1888

■ The first residency program begins at City Hospital when faculty decide to appoint the first honor student in each class as house physician at the hospital upon graduating.

1891

■ The MCG Alumni Association is organized. The first annual meeting is held the following year.



1911

■ In response to the widely-accepted (Abraham) Flexner Report, which called for strengthening medical schools' curriculums, improving clinical instruction and providing better lab facilities, the University of Georgia formally takes over property and assets of the medical school, although the school remains in Augusta.

1913

■ With the need for improved facilities, classes relocate from the Old Medical College building to the renovated Newton Building on Railroad Avenue, which had previously served as the Augusta Orphanage Asylum.



1915

■ University Hospital, built by the City of Augusta, opens as the teaching hospital for the Medical Department, replacing the Lamar and City Hospitals. The Lamar Hospital, which opened in 1895, had served African-Americans in the community. The new University Hospital maintained separate wings for whites and African-Americans.

1920



■ The first known class ring with the skull and crossbones belongs to **Dr. H.G. Weaver**, Class of 1920. The ring design remains the same today.

1921

■ The first female, **Loree Florence**, is admitted to MCG, graduating in 1926. Dr. Florence also works as a lab technician, which prevents her from taking a full schedule and graduating in four years.

1923

■ **Dr. Virgil P. Sydenstricker**, chair of the MCG Department of Medicine, publishes a report of the first documented case of sickle cell disease, with full autopsy findings.

1926

■ MCG charts a chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, making it the first chapter in Georgia.

1931

■ A gift from **Bowdre Phinzy**, former owner and publisher of the *Augusta Herald* and the *Athens Banner-Herald*, and his wife **Meta Charbonnier Phinzy**, in memory of her father, **Leon Henri Charbonnier**, establishes the first endowment in MCG's history. The chair is fully funded in 1961 and its first recipients are cardiothoracic surgeon and 1943 MCG graduate **Dr. Robert G. Ellison** and biochemistry professor and eventual founding dean of The Graduate School, **Dr. Sam Singal**.

1933

■ Due to the Great Depression, the Board of Regents closes the UGA Medical Department. However, due to outcry from alumni and citizens across the state, and the support of **Gov. Eugene Talmadge**, the regents reinstate the Medical Department, renaming it the University of Georgia School of Medicine.

1937

■ Basic science classrooms and labs find a home with the construction of the Dugas Building, named in honor of former Dean, **Dr. Louis Alexander Dugas**.

1939

■ **Dr. Sydenstricker** is nominated for a Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his research on the use of nicotinic acid in pellagra therapy.

**1942**

- To aid the WWII effort, the medical school begins a three-year accelerated program.

**1945**

- **Dr. William Hamilton**, chair of the combined MCG Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, invents the Hamilton Manometer, which measures blood flow and pressure in the cardiovascular system, paving the way for cardiac catheterization.



**1948**

- **Dr. Raymond P. Ahlquist**, a pharmacologist and later MCG associate dean for basic sciences, publishes research that lays the groundwork for beta blocking drugs. He later becomes MCG's first recipient of the Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research.

**1950**

- The Board of Regents makes the medical school an independent unit of the University System of Georgia, restoring the name Medical College of Georgia and changing the executive title from dean to president. **Dr. G. Lombard Kelly**, a 1924 MCG alumnus and dean, serves as first president.

**1951**

- The legislature authorizes the establishment of a state teaching hospital and names it for the late **Gov. Eugene Talmadge**.

**1954**

- Five physicians contribute private funds to help form the MCG Foundation.

**1956**

- **Eugene Talmadge** Memorial Hospital opens as MCG's teaching hospital, making it an academic medical center.
- The first open-heart bypass surgery in Georgia is performed at MCG by **Dr. Ellison**.



**1957**

- **Drs. Hervey Cleckley** and **Corbett Thigpen**, psychiatrists and faculty in the MCG Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology, present the first case study documenting a patient displaying more than two personalities, resulting in the book and movie *The Three Faces of Eve*.



**1963**

- The first freestanding library opens, later named for prominent MCG physician, scientist and faculty member, **Dr. Robert B. Greenblatt**.
- The PhD in biomedical sciences program begins.

**1967**

- MCG integrates, admitting its first African-American students, **Drs. Frank M. Rumph** and **John T. Harper**, who graduate in 1971.

**1970**

■ The Student Educational Enrichment Program, a summer pipeline program for students interested in health sciences, is founded.

**1977**

■ The first Hooding Ceremony is held.

**1988**

■ Due to the building's historical significance and architectural distinction, the Old Medical College is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with the National Park Service.

**1992**

■ **Dr. Robert Adams**, neurologist, and **Dr. Virgil C. McKie**, pediatric hematologist/oncologist, identify painless transcranial Doppler as the first noninvasive method for identifying children with sickle cell disease who also are at risk for stroke. Later studies show that regular blood transfusions can significantly reduce stroke risk and help change sickle cell treatment for children.

**1996**

■ The first White Coat Ceremony is held.

**1997**

■ The MCG Foundation receives a gift of more than \$17 million from the estate of Augusta radio newsman and entrepreneur **George Weiss**. At the time, it was the largest single donation ever made to the college.

**1998**

■ **Drs. David Munn**, a pediatric hematologist/oncologist and 1984 MCG graduate, and **Andrew Mellor**, an immunologist, identify the enzyme IDO's role in preventing a mother's immune system from rejecting a fetus. Their subsequent findings show tumors use IDO to protect themselves and suppressing IDO as a novel cancer therapy.



**2000**

- The MD/PhD Program, a joint effort with the University System of Georgia, is founded.

**2004**

- A groundbreaking study, led by MCG allergist and immunologist **Dr. Dennis Ownby**, overturns long-held beliefs and shows that children raised in homes with dogs and cats actually have less risk of developing allergies and asthma.

**2005**

- The first regional campus, for third- and fourth-year students, in MCG's statewide educational network opens. The Southwest Campus based in Albany is headquartered at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.



**2006**

- MCG increases first-year enrollment from 180 to 190, the first increase since 1974.

**2007**

- MCG announces plans for the Southeast Campus, a regional clinical campus to be based in Savannah/Brunswick. The first students begin living and learning there in 2011.
- The State of Georgia appropriates funds to study expanding medical education. When the FY 2008 state budget is passed, it includes \$2.8 million to expand student capacity at the Medical College of Georgia.

**2008**

- The Board of Regents accept a January report from consulting firm Tripp Umbach on how best to expand medical education.
- The Board authorizes the purchase of the adjacent Gilbert Manor public housing property, enabling campus expansion. The Augusta Commission provides \$10 million to purchase the property, laying the groundwork for a future academic home for MCG.

**2009**

- The Board of Regents approves the Medical Partnership, a second four-year campus of MCG in Athens in partnership with the University of Georgia. The first 40 students enroll in 2010, increasing MCG's first-year class size to 230 students.
- MCG announces plans for the Northwest Campus, a regional clinical campus to be based in Rome. The first students begin living and learning there in 2013.



**2010**

■ The Board of Regents approves changing the university's name to Georgia Health Sciences University, retaining the name Medical College of Georgia for the medical school. These changes are effective in February 2011.

**2012**

■ **Dr. J. Harold Harrison**, a renowned vascular surgeon and a 1948 MCG graduate, and his wife, **Sue W. Harrison**, give \$10 million to support construction of a new academic home.

**2013**

■ The Board of Regents approves the consolidation of Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University, creating Georgia Regents University. The name Medical College of Georgia is again retained for the medical school. In 2015, the university's name is changed to Augusta University.

■ MCG receives a \$66 million gift, from Dr. Harrison's estate, to establish 10 new endowed chairs for faculty and the first full-tuition scholarships for students.

■ The MD/MBA program begins.

■ The BS to MD program is founded.

**2014**

■ The **J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons**, the academic home of MCG, opens in August. Students begin attending classes there in January 2015.



**2015**

■ The MD/MPH program begins.

**2018**

■ Plans are announced to grow MCG's class size to 260 students by the Fall of 2024, marking the first class size increase since 2010; and to 300 by 2028.

**2019**

■ MCG announces plans for a 3+ Track, which would allow an eventual 50 students per class to finish medical school in three years, go directly into a Georgia residency program in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology or general surgery and then commit to six years of service in an underserved area of the state. By doing so, tuition to medical school would either be free or student loans would be forgiven. The medical school also begins redesigning its entire curriculum by shortening the traditional four years to three for all students. For those not on the 3+ Track, flexibility in the fourth year could be used to earn a master's degree, complete research, delve deeper into a specialty or even interview with more residency programs.

