



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
**MEDICAL COLLEGE
OF GEORGIA**

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Augusta University
Department Chair of Ophthalmology
Medical College of Georgia

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The Opportunity

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University invites applications for the position of Chair, Department of Ophthalmology. This position is charged with the growth and development of clinical, research, and teaching excellence of the department. Together with other department chairs, the Chair of Ophthalmology plays an instrumental role in ensuring outstanding medical student education and, as such, meeting and exceeding the requirements set forth by the Liaison Committee of Medical Education. The Chair reports to the Dean and will serve as the department's academic and administrative leader, providing direction in educational programs; faculty recruitment, retention and development; budget management and oversight; and strategic planning. The department interacts collaboratively with many basic scientists on campus as part of a robust vision research program (the Vision Discovery Institute).



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Qualifications

- Earned MD, DO, MD/PhD or DO/PhD degree
- Current board certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology
- Eligibility for licensure in the state of Georgia
- Academic accomplishments that merit tenured appointment at the rank of professor
- Distinguished record of clinical care, research and teaching with national stature.
- Demonstrated success as a leader in a department or division of ophthalmology, of an interdisciplinary institute, or an academic entity of comparable size and scope
- A national reputation as an academic leader with a strong commitment to research.
- Experience in the development and successful implementation of new clinical programs and services.
- A successful track record of recruitment and development of faculty, trainees, and students.
- A record of solid performance as a skilled manager with the ability to grow revenues, meet budgets, measure and improve productivity and outcomes.
- A strong commitment to mentoring and faculty development.
- A proven track record of working collaboratively across clinical disciplines as well as with senior management within an academic setting.
- Ability to drive philanthropic activities.
- Appreciation of the need to be involved in the greater Augusta community, especially related to promoting Ophthalmologic care.
- Ability to provide strategic leadership and direction for the growth of the optometry practice.
- A commitment to advancing the research initiatives within the department, including fellowship programs and collaborations with basic scientists.

About Augusta University

Home to four campuses in Augusta and various satellite locations across Georgia, Augusta University, one of 26 institutions within the University System of Georgia, is at the forefront of groundbreaking research focused on improving and enriching the human experience.

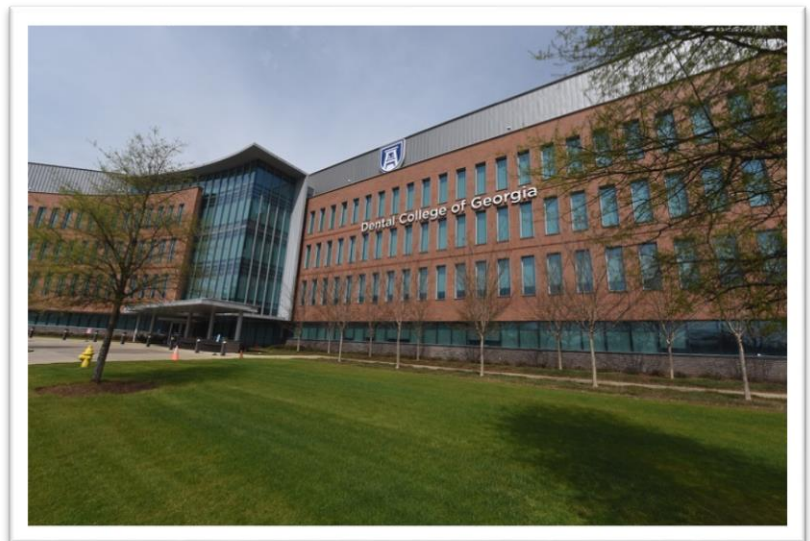
Offering undergraduate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and education as well as a full range of graduate programs and hands-on clinical research opportunities, Augusta University is Georgia's innovation center for education and health care.

The combination of nationally ranked business and nursing schools as well as the state's flagship public medical school and only dental school makes Augusta University a destination of choice for the students of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

Colleges, Schools and Libraries

With locations throughout Augusta and at satellite campuses in Athens, Albany, Rome and Savannah, Augusta University's 10 colleges and schools have a truly statewide impact in Georgia.

Home to the [Medical College of Georgia](#), the nation's eighth-largest and 13th-oldest medical school, the university's Health Sciences Campus is at the forefront of health care innovation. Located in beautiful downtown Augusta and housing the state's largest [College of Nursing](#), the comprehensive [College of Allied Health Sciences](#), [The Graduate School](#) and the state's only dental school, [The Dental College of Georgia](#), the Health Sciences Campus is also home to the state's only public academic medical center.



The historic Summerville Campus, which was built in and around a former United States arsenal and is home to the University's liberal arts curriculum. In the shade of ancient trees, professors from the [Katherine Reese Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#); the nationally ranked [James M. Hull College of Business](#); the [College of Education](#); and the [College of Science and Mathematics](#) prepare students for a lifetime of critical thinking, creativity and entrepreneurial success.

Opened in 1991 on AU's Forest Hills campus, Christenberry Fieldhouse houses 11 of the Augusta Jaguars' 13 competition sports. In addition to housing all administrative and support staff for the [Augusta University Department of Athletics](#), CFH also houses the College of Education's [Department of Kinesiology](#). The Forest Hills Campus, on which CFH is located, also houses a full-size golf course, baseball, softball and soccer fields and serves as the home of the Jaguars' nationally recognized NCAA Division I golf team.

Nestled along the Savannah River, the Riverfront Campus is located in Augusta's growing cybersecurity corridor and houses the [Hull McKnight Georgia Cyber Center for Innovation and Training Center](#), a state-of-the-art cyber center comprised of the university's [School of Computer and Cyber Sciences](#), a cutting-edge cyber range, a 340-seat auditorium, secure briefing space, incubator space for innovation and entrepreneurship, and classrooms; as well as proximity to industry professionals and innovative start-ups.



About Augusta

The city of Augusta is a saxophone riff on a cool, moonlit evening—the sort of smooth, storybook town that melts into the soul and leaves you feeling so good. Georgia’s second-oldest and second-largest city, Augusta strides that fine line between big city bustle and small-town charm, mixing retro-urban regality with just a pinch of hometown pride.

A visit to Augusta is a life-altering lesson in Southern hospitality. While other places have undergone cultural revolutions, Augusta underwent a cultural evolution instead, trading big city lights and loud, busy streets for cold sweet tea and a shore-side view of the Savannah River. Downtown, locally owned shops and restaurants mingle in the shade of memorable hangouts and state-of-the-art galleries beckon artists, lovers, thinkers and dreamers alike to [the South's "Garden City."](#)

But Augusta is so much more than just a cozy place to live. Spearheaded by the next generation of musicians, foodies, artists and go-getters, the old city comes to life at night, offering live music, theater shows and a wealth of hole-in-the-wall eateries built to please. In addition to serving as a haven of technology and the arts, Augusta is also home to some of the nation's most beautiful lakes and trails, offering year-round outdoor adventures.

Sporting life is synonymous with the Augusta name and the city proper is home to a number of professional baseball, roller derby and rugby teams. Several annual sporting events take place in and around Augusta, including the [Ironman 70.3 Augusta](#) triathlon, and the [Augusta Futurity](#).

Oh, and did we mention golf?

On top of world-class entertainment and outdoor sporting, Augusta is also world-renowned as the [home of The Masters](#) - an annual golf tournament sometimes dubbed the “Super Bowl” of golf. Every year during the first full week in April, Augusta becomes the golf capitol of the world, welcoming local legends and long-time favorites back to the prettiest course on Earth.

So, whether you're a lover of the arts, the sciences, the outdoors or the out-of-this-world, Augusta is the place to be. Join us and you'll soon see: There's a reason we all feel so good!



Procedure for Candidacy

Applicants should upload a letter of interest and a comprehensive curriculum vitae as one PDF document. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made.

APPLY NOW

On behalf of the Search Committee Co-Chairs, Sylvia B. Smith, PhD and Stil Kountakis, MD, PhD, nominations and inquiries will be received electronically by Sharon Wingard, Executive Search Consultant, Augusta University at executivesearch@augusta.edu.

All candidates are required to pass successfully a Background Check review. For specific positions, the final candidate may be subject to a (pre-employment) physical, drug screen, and/or credit check.

The final candidate will be required to provide proof of completed academic degree in the form of an original transcript. Those candidates trained by a foreign institution will also be required to provide an educational/credential evaluation.

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