HELPING UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS DO MORE

GOOD FOR GEORGIA
Georgia invests in GRA.

GRA uses that investment to help university scientists do more research – and start more companies. And that creates an extraordinary payoff for our state...
MORE OUTSIDE MONEY
in Federal research grants and venture capital investment

$649M in State investment
$4.9 BILLION in Federal and private research grants and matching funds
$1.2 BILLION in venture investment for GRA-backed startups
$500 MILLION+ in research grants awarded to GRA Eminent Scholars & their teams

160 NEW GEORGIA COMPANIES generating $135 million in revenues

GRA Venture Development analysis, 2018

Universities always get grants. Many startups attract investment. But GRA powers much more of both.

MORE JOBS AND TRAINING
to prepare Georgians for the workforce of the future

1,300* NEW GEORGIA JOBS in Scarer labs, supported by non-state $$
1,539 PROFESSIONALS employed in companies GRA helped seed and shape

Experience is the best teacher. By driving more job creation in labs and startup companies, GRA opens the door to thousands more Georgians gaining invaluable experience.

PINDROP 410 jobs
URJANET 305 jobs
AXION 66 jobs

GRA has provided seed investment and early-stage advice to these and hundreds of other university startups.

GRA’s story also helps Georgia’s “pitch” to recruit more companies to our state.

HIGHER PROFILE, STRONGER REPUTATION
for Georgia as a state of innovation

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Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, 2020

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State Rankings: Higher Education R&D Expenditures
National Science Foundation, 2017

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WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF GEORGIA’S UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS.

The 75 GRA Eminent Scholars are doing some remarkable work. By helping them and other university scientists do more, Georgia pioneers a new path to the future.

Steve Stice
Developing “cargo molecules” that can help the body heal brain injury, stroke.

J.D. Li
Discovered a way to relieve inflammation – with far fewer side effects.

Max Cooper
Developing a drug to make treatments for cystic fibrosis more effective.

Eric Sorscher
Invented technology to help detect autism in the first few months of life.

Guido Silvestri
Made history with discovery that the body has a second form of immunity – B cells.

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Made a breakthrough in advancing toward a cure for HIV/AIDS.

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Discovered a new hormonal target to treat several depression and anxiety.

Xin-Yu Lu
Invented a way to create a human liver cell in a lab.

Ted Ross
Launched five major cyber-protection initiatives for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Angelo Keromytis
Discovered a new hormonal target to treat several depression and anxiety.

Ami Klin
Invented technology to help detect autism in the first few months of life.

Dennis Kyle
Invented a way to create a human liver cell in a lab.

Ted Ross
Working on a vaccine to fight multiple forms of flu (now in human clinical trials).
5 OTHER BENEFITS THAT MAKE GRA GOOD FOR GEORGIA

1. **Recruiting power:** Eminent Scholars who move their labs here credit GRA as a key factor.

2. **Efficiency:** Georgia’s universities share lab technology thanks to the GRA Core Exchange.

3. **Startup advice:** Newly launched companies get guidance from GRA when they need it most, increasing the odds they’ll succeed.

4. **Connectivity:** GRA helps unify Georgia’s innovation ecosystem and promotes partnerships among universities and with industry.

5. **Distinction:** No other state has an organization as durable or strong as GRA (an effective alliance for 30 years).