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…
$661M in State investment

$5.8 BILLION in Federal and private research grants and matching funds

$1.6 BILLION in venture investment for GRA-backed startups

12-TO-1 RETURN on State’s total investment in GRA

195 NEW GEORGIA COMPANIES generating $110 million in revenues

GRA Venture Development analysis, 2020

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

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.

1,589 PROFESSIONALS employed in companies GRA helped seed and shape

2,098+ NEW GEORGIA JOBS generated by non-state $53

PINDROP 215 jobs

URJANET 480 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.

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Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, 2018

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

Developing “cargo molecules” that can help the body heal brain injury, stroke
STEVE STICE

Made a breakthrough in advancing toward a cure for HIV/AIDS
GUIDO SILVESTRI

Discovered a new hormonal target to treat several depression and anxiety
XIN-YU LU

Developed 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
AMI KLIN

Developed a way to relieve inflammation – with far fewer side effects
J.D. LI

Made history with discovery that the body has a second form of immunity – B cells
MAX COOPER

Invented a way to create a human liver cell in a lab
DENNIS KYLE

By helping them and other university scientists do more, Georgia pioneers a new path to the future.

Launched five major cyber-protection initiatives for the U.S. Department of Defense
ANGELOS KEROMYTIS

Working on a vaccine to fight multiple forms of flu (now in human clinical trials)
TED ROSS
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)