

**The University of Georgia**  
**2015 Academic Affairs Faculty Symposium**  
*Transforming Graduate Education at the University of Georgia*  
March 27-28, 2015

**Charge to Break-out Groups**

The 2015 Academic Affairs Faculty Symposium will explore strategies for transforming graduate education at the University of Georgia. The annual faculty symposium is an established “think tank” for change and innovation. Participants will focus on transforming graduate education in their break-out group areas in light of cross-cutting themes.

**Break-out Groups:**

- Student recruitment and retention
- Mentoring and professional development
- Curriculum, pedagogy and learning
- Organizational structures and policies
- Grants and extramural funding

**Facilitator:**

- Ann Hollifield
- Gary Green
- Marcus Fechheimer
- Eddie Watson
- Tim Foutz

**Cross-cutting Themes:**

- Academic rigor
- Innovation and interdisciplinarity
- Financial and institutional resources
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Enrollments of graduate and professional students
- Reputation and awareness of UGA graduate programs

**Instructions for Break-Out Sessions**

**Session One (11:00 a.m., Friday)**

- Introduce yourselves and select a recorder and spokesperson.
- Discuss issues related to the Symposium in general, and your group’s topic in particular.

**Session Two (3:00 p.m., Friday)**

- Explore group topic and develop recommendations.

**Session Three (9:45 a.m., Saturday)**

- Finalize recommendations and 2 deliverables.

**Group Product (“Deliverables”).**

Each group is responsible for providing two “deliverables”:

1. Draft a 1-2 page letter to the Provost summarizing your recommendations. For each item, describe the need or problem being addressed, the programs or activities being recommended, the expected outcomes and assessment methods and the estimated costs (one time or annual) and sources of funding.
2. Present your recommendations at the 11:00 a.m. session (5 minutes per group).