The UGA Office of STEM Education

The University of Georgia created the Office of STEM Education (OSE) with a mission to provide campus-wide leadership for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities. The OSE represents UGA in the University System of Georgia Board of Regents STEM Initiative, whose goals are to 1) increase the number of students who succeed in STEM courses; 2) increase the number of students who pursue baccalaureate degrees in STEM fields; and 3) make science and mathematics teacher production a high priority to ease Georgia’s severe shortage of teachers in these subject areas. The mission of the OSE aligns with UGA’s mission as a public research extensive and teacher preparation university and also with the Board of Regents six-point Strategic Plan. The OSE reports directly to the Office of the Vice President for Instruction.

Specific goals of the OSE include:

- Advancing the Faculty Work in the Schools Policy (BOR Policy # 8.3.15) among UGA STEM faculty
- Promoting and developing collaborative partnerships among STEM faculty at UGA and K-12 school districts
- Serving as a knowledgeable source of information related to STEM activities for UGA faculty, staff, and students
- Liaising with state and national agencies involved in STEM education reform
- Assisting UGA faculty with funding opportunities related to STEM teaching and learning

The Office of STEM Education partners with campus, state, and national initiatives designed to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and increase the diversity of talented students pursuing STEM careers. Current partners include the Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) and the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL).