

# PROPEL

Planning Rural Opportunities for  
Prosperity and Economic Leadership

## General Information

### 2025-2026 PROPEL Rural Scholars Application

Thank you for your interest in the PROPEL Rural Scholars program, a signature student program at the UGA Institute of Government. Please complete this application by **Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM.**

Note: The application should be completed in one sitting to avoid losing any work. All application questions can be previewed [here](#).

Questions? Contact Madison Drummond at [madison.drummond@uga.edu](mailto:madison.drummond@uga.edu).

First Name

Preferred Name (if different than first name)

Middle Initial

Last Name

UGA MyID (Note: This is **not** your 810 number)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

UGA Email Address: All program communications will be sent to your UGA email.

Non-UGA Email Address

Cell Phone Number (Format: XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Local (Athens) Address (including city, state, and ZIP code)

Permanent Address

Hometown (City and State)

Uniform Size (short sleeved polo style shirt)

- Women's Small
- Women's Medium
- Women's Large
- Women's X Large
- Women's XX Large
- Men's Small
- Men's Medium
- Men's Large
- Men's X Large
- Men's XX Large

Please select your school/college. Use the Control Key to select more than one school/college.

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- College of Engineering
- College of Environment and Design
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Public Health
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications
- Mary Frances Early College of Education
- Morehead Honors College
- Odum School of Ecology

Please list your major(s)

Please list your minors or certificates if applicable

Year In School as of Fall 2025

- 2nd year
- 3rd year
- 4th year
- 5th year or later
- I am in a Double Dawg program.

The PROPEL Rural Scholars program is a year-long experiential learning program. Please confirm that your expected graduation date is during or after May 2026.

- Yes, I graduate on or after May 2025.
- No, I graduate before May 2025.

The following demographic questions are optional.

Gender

Race and Ethnicity

Please upload an up-to-date copy of your resume in PDF or Word format. [Resume resources from the UGA Career Center can be found here.](#)

Please address the following essay questions in 300 or fewer words.

What interests you about the PROPEL Rural Scholars Program?

How can the PROPEL Rural Scholars program help you to further your career and educational goals?

## How did you learn about the PROPEL Rural Scholars program?

Class or Organization Email/Announcement

Institute of Government Website

Public Service and Outreach Social Media

Information Session

Word of Mouth

A former or current Rural Scholar (please list below)

## Program Requirements

I understand that if selected I will be required to:

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Attend all Fall Workshops on the following dates: August 22, September 12, October 3, and November 12 in the Tate Student Center.

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Participate in the PROPEL Rural Scholars Fall Community Visit on October 15-17, 2025.

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Attend the PROPEL Rural Scholars Reunion on Friday November 21 from 12:45-2:00 PM.

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Participate in the Spring PROPEL Rural Scholars Retreat on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

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Fulfill all assignments related to assigned Spring Community Project in Spring 2026. This requirement includes all person elements/assignments. Participation in internships or jobs outside of Athens will not count towards this requirement.

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Attend all Spring Progress Meetings; dates to be announced and shared with selected applicants.

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Take part in assessment, feedback, and promotional activities related to this program.

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