Introduction

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Welcome to the University System of Georgia's online Ethics Training Session. We are committed to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in pursuit of our mission to create a more educated Georgia. Accomplishing this mission demands integrity, good judgment and dedication to public service from all members of the USG community. While the USG affirms each person's accountability for individual actions, we also recognize that the shared mission and the shared enterprise of our institutions require a shared set of core values and ethical conduct to which each member of our community must be held accountable. Furthermore, we acknowledge that an organizational culture grounded in trust is essential to supporting these core values and ethical conduct. The USG Ethics Policy, comprised of the Statement of Core Values and Code of Conduct, is intended to build, maintain and protect that trust, recognizing that each member of the USG community is responsible for doing his or her part by upholding the highest standards of competence and character.

While we hope that it never occurs, there may come a time when you may find yourself faced with a challenging ethical issue during your tenure with the university system. The answer of what to do could either be very clear to you or a gray area. The scenarios and interactive learning modules featured in this online training will educate you on our system-wide ethics policies as well as provide guidance on what to do in certain situations. At the end of this training session, there will be a confirmation of understanding. Upon successful completion, you will be equipped with the knowledge and information you need to make the right choice. On behalf of the USG community, I thank you for taking the time to participate in this training.