

SEARCH PROFILE:

PRESIDENT



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THE OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Trustees and Presidential Search Committee of the University of Toccoa Falls invite nominations and applications for the position of President. The University seeks a visionary and spiritually mature leader to guide the institution into an important new chapter. As the institution enters a new era as the University of Toccoa Falls, the next president will have the opportunity to build upon this transition and help shape the future of the University.

The University of Toccoa Falls is experiencing substantial momentum across multiple areas. Since 2021, traditional undergraduate enrollment has grown 13%, undergraduate online enrollment has increased 38%, graduate online enrollment has doubled, and dual enrollment has grown 169%, positioning UTF as the largest private university

provider of dual enrollment in Georgia. Today, the institution serves more than 3,500 students across traditional undergraduate, online (undergraduate & graduate), and dual enrollment programs. The University also enters this next season from a position of financial strength, operating debt free while continuing to invest in campus development and technological infrastructure.

The next president will build upon this strong foundation by advancing enrollment growth, expanding academic offerings, strengthening fundraising efforts, guiding campus planning initiatives, and leading the implementation of a new strategic plan. Reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, the selected candidate is expected to begin service on July 1, 2027.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOCCOA FALLS

Founded in 1907, the University of Toccoa Falls is a distinctly Christ-centered institution committed to developing godly character with intellect. Located in the foothills of northeast Georgia, the University is known for its beautiful campus community, intentional spiritual formation, and unwavering commitment to biblical truth and academic excellence.

The mission of the University of Toccoa Falls is to cultivate an intentionally Christian learning community that integrates the pursuit of truth with godly character to prepare students both personally and professionally for service. For more than a century, the institution has remained committed to preparing students to impact the world for Christ

across ministry, business, counseling, education, healthcare, the sciences, and many other fields.

ACCREDITATION

To support this mission, the institution is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The institution also holds specialized accreditations, including the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) for education programs, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).





ACADEMICS

A variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees and programs are offered on-campus and online through the College's five schools; the School of Arts & Sciences, the School of Christian Ministries, the Fetterman School of Nursing, the School of Teacher Education and the Chapman School of Graduate Studies. A large dual enrollment population serves as a strong pipeline into these academic programs.

The **School of Arts & Sciences** includes five academic departments: Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Humanities, Music, and Natural Science & Mathematics.

The **School of Christian Ministries** prepares students for ministry and service through programs in Bible & Theology, Global Ministries, and Ministry & Leadership.

The **Fetterman School of Nursing** prepares nurses to impact healthcare through a distinctly Christ-centered approach to compassionate care.

The **School of Teacher Education** prepares future educators through programs in Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Secondary Education, and Music Education. Middle Grades concentrations include Language Arts, Social Science, Mathematics, and Science, while Secondary Education concentrations include English and History.

Named in honor of Dr. Gary Chapman, the **Chapman School of Graduate Studies** is one of the University's fastest-growing areas and offers graduate programs in an online format. Programs include the M.B.A., M.A. in Christian Ministries, M.A. in Counseling Ministries, M.A. in Marriage & Family Therapy, M.A. in Organizational Leadership, and M.A. in Theology.



CAMPUS, COMMUNITY, & CULTURE

The University is known for its close-knit culture and intentionally Christian environment. Faculty and staff are committed followers of Jesus who affirm the institution's statement of faith, and students engage in Bible and theology coursework, chapel, spiritual formation, and service as part of the student experience.

Student life includes more than 15 student organizations along with athletics through the NCCAA, including baseball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, golf, and cross country. Approximately 30% of traditional undergraduate students participate in athletics.

The University has also made significant investments in campus improvements while remaining debt-free, including the more than \$15 million renovation

of Forrest Hall and continued upgrades to student housing, facilities, and campus-wide fiber infrastructure.

The city of Toccoa is a rural community surrounded by the beautiful landscape of northeast Georgia. It is centrally located within driving distance of major cities such as Atlanta, Greenville, and Athens, providing students with the pace of small-town living while maintaining access to larger metro areas.

Above all, the University is shaped by what generations of students and alumni refer to as the "Spirit of Toccoa Falls." This spirit forms an invisible cord that binds the Toccoa Falls family into a unity that transcends boundaries and status and is reflected in the relationships and sacrificial ministries of the Toccoa Falls community around the world.



THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The next president of the University of Toccoa Falls will be a committed follower of Jesus who is deeply passionate about Christian higher education and the mission of the University. This leader will possess the spiritual maturity, conviction, and humility necessary to faithfully guide the institution while continuing to strengthen its Christ-centered identity and community.

PRESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

The following characteristics and qualifications represent many of the qualities the University seeks in its next president. While not intended to be an exhaustive list, these attributes reflect the leadership profile and institutional priorities of the University of Toccoa Falls.

- Deep love for God and commitment to biblical Truth and Scripture.
- Agreement and total support of our core principles.
- Resolute guardian and chief protector against non-biblical ideas. Ensuring all University hires are solid believers in and followers of the God of Scripture.
- Agreement and total support of the University mission.
- Assure all academic programs remain firmly anchored in historic Christian orthodoxy and the authority of Scripture.
- Demonstrated success in senior leadership roles with the ability to lead and manage a complex organization.
- Minimum of five years of executive-level leadership experience (Vice President level) in higher education and an earned doctorate in business or a related field preferred.
- Strong experience in budgeting, financial stewardship, and long-term planning in a complex organization.
- Proven ability to articulate and execute a compelling institutional vision.
- Excellent communication skills to represent the University to external groups.
- Desire to build partnerships with the community.
- Proven ability to develop a strategic vision as evidenced by the development of strategic plans.
- Ability to build trust and credibility across the campus and broader community.
- Ability to effectively lead organizational growth and change.
- Demonstrated high level success in fundraising and donor engagement.
- Commitment to excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship.
- Understanding of state and federal regulations and their impact on higher education.
- Familiarity with regional accreditation standards and processes.
- Unquestioned integrity.



SEARCH & APPLICATION PROCESS

The Presidential Search Committee of the University of Toccoa Falls invites applications and nominations for the position of President. The Committee seeks candidates who are committed followers of Jesus Christ and who possess the experience, vision, and leadership necessary to guide the University into its next era of growth and development.

To apply, please visit **utf.edu/president** and complete the online application.

Applicants will be asked to submit a cover letter, formal résumé or curriculum vitae, professional references, and a personal statement of faith as part of the application process.

All inquiries, applications, and nominations will be handled confidentially throughout the search process. References will not be contacted without the knowledge and permission of the candidate.

Nominations and expressions of interest are welcomed and may be submitted directly to the Presidential Search Committee at president@utf.edu. Individuals submitting nominations are encouraged to include the nominee's full name, current position, institution or organization, and contact information.

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2026.

The selected candidate is expected to begin service as President of the University of Toccoa Falls on July 1, 2027.





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