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# The University of Georgia

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## Mary Frances Early Teacher Education Professorship

The College of Education at the University of Georgia invites applications for the Mary Frances Early Teacher Education Professorship. The Early Professor must be eligible for appointment at the rank of Professor at the University of Georgia, to begin August 2011.

This new endowed professorship is named in honor of Mary Frances Early, the first African American graduate of the University of Georgia and an icon of the civil rights movement in Georgia. Ms. Early received her masters of music education degree from UGA in 1962 and has been a tireless advocate for improving teacher education and academic achievement for students throughout Georgia, while serving as a professor in the Music Department at Clark Atlanta University.

The candidate for the Early Professor would be a scholar and leader in innovative teacher education, with a focus on the education of students under-served in schools, especially African Americans. The candidate for the Early Professorship will possess a strong record of research, outstanding scholarly accomplishments, and a record of public service in the field of teacher education. A strong record of securing external grants and funding is also desirable.

The Early Professor will receive support from the endowment to engage in innovative teaching and scholarship and will be expected to cross disciplinary boundaries in the College of Education and across the University. The candidate also will be expected to engage actively with K-12 teachers in the state of Georgia.

One of the largest and most diverse institutions of its kind in the nation, the University of Georgia College of Education offers 16 undergraduate majors and more than 34 graduate programs leading to careers as educators, counselors, psychologists, administrators, researchers, and educational and health-related specialists. The College's rigorous academic programs also offer opportunities for study and research with many nationally and internationally recognized faculty who are pursuing cutting-edge research, forging bold initiatives, and building community-based partnerships that develop realistic solutions to some of the most difficult challenges in education. The Early Professor will be expected to advance and extend the College of Education's national and international visibility and reputation by producing high-quality and rigorous research and actively participating in the broad community of scholars in the field of education in general and teacher education in particular.

Applicants must include a curriculum vitae, a list of three references, a statement of interest and qualifications, and a list of publications relevant to the position. Please submit all materials by October 15, 2010 to **Dr. Derrick P. Alridge**, College of Education, University of Georgia, 850 College Station Road, 307 River's Crossing, Athens, GA 30602.