The state of Georgia has long been at the crossroads of global health, home to some of the world’s top scientists, entrepreneurs, innovators, and advocates working to fight disease around the globe. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgians are again leading the way, driving scientific advances on vaccines and therapeutics, and guiding decisions at all levels of government and business. Global leadership and collaboration can attract international investment and generate momentum for a location as a hub for excellence in global health.

Global health is an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Global health emphasises transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population-based prevention with individual-level clinical care.1


Georgia’s growing global health sector spans a diverse coalition, including research universities, hospitals, medical supply distributors, biotechnology firms, grantmaking foundations, nonprofits, and other types of organizations.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF GLOBAL HEALTH IN GEORGIA

- $3.3+ Billion to Georgia’s GDP
- Average salary of global health jobs: $94K+ (Nearly 2X state average)
- Global health organizations produce $5.7+ Billion of economic output
- $2.3+ Billion wages paid to the state

33,450+ Jobs

Jobs beyond the CDC...

17,366+ Jobs

Direct

Indirect & Induced

These data are conservative estimates as they represent only a subset of organizations with complete data and exclude philanthropic gifts totaling billions of dollars.
### The Global Health Sector in Georgia: ECONOMIC TRENDS AND IMPACT

#### RESEARCH SPENDING AND NIH-FUNDED PROJECTS TO UNIVERSITIES IN GEORGIA: FY 2018

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Limited to universities with 1 or more NIH-funded projects with “global” or “international” in the abstract in FY 2018.

University research brought to market can generate value-add through new knowledge creation, development of intellectual property, attraction of human capital, and commercialization of technologies.

Global health actors rely on a mix of funding from the public and private sectors to accomplish their goals.

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**Research Funding**

- **$1.18 Billion**
- **$676 Million** for global or international projects
- **$86.2 Million** for global or international projects
- **1,719** Research projects
- **21** funded through FIC
- **160** global or international projects

Research spending in health and life sciences at Georgia's universities in 2018, accounting for 48% of Georgia's total university research spending.

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