



REPORT ON AUDIT • FISCAL YEAR 2022

# Georgia State University Atlanta, Georgia

A Member Institution of the University System of Georgia

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## Audit Summary

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Georgia State University (University), a unit of the University System of Georgia, which is an organizational unit of the State of Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and issued our report thereon, dated December 19, 2022. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our Independent Auditor's Report, included in the University's Annual Financial Report, is available on the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts' website at [www.audits.ga.gov](http://www.audits.ga.gov) and on the University's website at [www.gsu.edu](http://www.gsu.edu).

Our audit of the University found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects;
- no internal control over financial reporting findings that require management's attention;
- no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### *Summary of Opinions*

#### **Opinion Unit**

Business-Type Activities

Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

Fiduciary Activities

#### **Type of Opinion**

Unmodified

Unmodified

Unmodified

*(Audited by Other Auditors)*



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
and  
Dr. M. Brian Blake, President  
Georgia State University

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities, aggregate discretely presented component units, and fiduciary activities of the Georgia State University (University), a unit of the University System of Georgia, which is an organizational unit of the State of Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2022. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units, as described in our report on the University's basic financial statements. Those financial statements were audited in accordance with GAAS but not in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, except for the Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc. Accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with those component units nor does it include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors for the component unit specified above.

## **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a

material misstatement of the University's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

December 19, 2022



GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

**PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**FA 2021-001 Improve Controls over Cash Management**

**Federal Awarding Agency:** U. S Department of Education

**Pass-Through Entity:** None

**Repeat of Prior Year Finding:** None

**Finding Status:** Partially Resolved

*Per the prior year's corrective action plan, Revenue, Receivables and Cashiering Services (RRCS) staff attended Federal Student Aid cash management training, reviewed cash balances daily, and documented supervisory review and approval of Title IV drawdown documentation.*

*The accumulation of Title IV cash occurred due to a high volume of funds being pulled back from student accounts and returned to the Title IV Program for students that withdrew from classes. Daily monitoring of cash balances used the activity date instead of the effective date. These timing differences resulted in refunds that were lower than amounts pulled back from student accounts. RRCS staff will only drawdown after large disbursements at the beginning of the semester. In addition, department management will forward cash management documentation to the Comptroller and VP of Finance and Administration weekly for review. Estimated Completion Date: 12/2/2022.*

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