ACCOUNTING POINTS OF PRIDE

Established in 1977, the J.M. Tull School of Accounting was one of the first in the nation to be distinguished as a separate professional school within a business college. We are committed to teaching and research that advance the accounting discipline and prepare future leaders for business and academe. The Tull School and its people are epitomized by the constant pursuit of excellence in all dimensions of accounting education.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

• Our students rank No. 1 nationally in first-time pass rates among large institutions for all parts of the CPA exam. They have received both state and national honors for their work.

• Tull alumni currently or previously have held positions as the CEO or CFO of publicly traded companies, such as the Coca-Cola Company, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Delta Air Lines, Cox Enterprises, Lionsgate, Mirant, Rare Hospitality, The Cheesecake Factory, Time Warner and Viacom.

• Tull School alumni include a recent chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), current members of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy and officers in the Georgia Society of CPAs.

• More than 100 partners in international, regional and local firms are graduates of the Tull School.

• We have graduated more than 125 accounting educators from our PhD program. Our PhD program has a strong placement history, with recent graduates employed at the University of Illinois, Michigan State University, University of Florida, University of Virginia, Texas A&M University, University of Notre Dame, and University of Wisconsin.

• Two Tull PhD students have won the American Accounting Association Manuscript Competition Award, the AAA’s most prestigious honor for sole-authored research.

• In recent years, 10 MAcc students have been selected for post-graduate technical assistantships with the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We’ve also had BBA students selected for prestigious internships with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Finally, a team of BBA and MAcc students recently won the IMA National Case Competition.

• More than 95 percent of accounting graduates obtain employment within three months of graduation.

PROGRAMS AND FACULTY

• Our undergraduate, MAcc, and PhD programs rank 8th, 7th and 9th, respectively, among public institutions, according to Public Accounting Report.

• Our faculty includes an editor of The Accounting Review, the top academic journal in accounting; the former president of the Auditing Section of the American Accounting Association; the president—elect of the American Taxation Association; and recipients of the American Accounting Association’s Outstanding Educator Award and AAA Auditing Section’s Outstanding Educator Award.

• Three current or former faculty members are joint recipients of the AICPA Gold Medal and Accounting Hall of Fame designation. One is also a member of the Financial Executives International Hall of Fame.

• Tull faculty members have received numerous teaching and service accolades, including the Richard B. Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and University of Georgia Lilly Teaching Fellowship.

Research

• Strong international recognition for faculty research productivity – ranking 4th among all private and public schools in publishing in the top academic accounting journal, The Accounting Review, during the past five years (2010–2015).

• Our faculty is ranked 6th in the world overall in academic research over the past five years based on 12 key academic journals. In specific research specialties, our faculty ranks:
  • 4th in the financial archival area,
  • 5th for research in the archival tax area, and
  • 9th in the experimental audit area.

• Five of our current and emeritus faculty members ranked in the top 5 percent of the most productive accounting scholars over the last 50 years.