



# 10 REASONS YOU BELONG IN GGS

## ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS IN THE AGING FIELD

### 1. SHARE YOUR RESEARCH

GGS offers many opportunities to showcase your research. Whether you are writing a blog for our website or presenting on a webinar or the Annual Conference, becoming a member of GGS is a great way to disseminate your findings and teach others about your research!

### 2. RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

As a member of GGS, you will be able to connect your students with scholarships, educational opportunities, mentorships, job opportunities, and even places that they can present their own personal research findings.

### 3. NETWORKING

Members have access to the GGS membership database and have ample opportunities to network with others in the field of aging.

### 4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GGS offers many free and discounted professional development resources. Through workshops, webinars, member-only materials, and our conference, GGS offers many free and discounted professional development resources and opportunities.

### 5. LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Through joining our Board of Directors, participating on a GGS committee, or engaging in other volunteer initiatives, GGS offers opportunities to get more involved in the aging network and build leadership skills.

### 6. STAYING INFORMED

As an individual in academia, it is very important to stay up to date on current efforts and initiatives in the field. Members have access to the latest news, events, and efforts to serve older

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adults. Additionally, GGS members have access to the Monthly GGS Connector Newsletters, which can also keep you informed on the latest and greatest in our network.

## 7. ADVOCACY

As a GGS member, you will receive updates on the biggest issues facing older adults in Georgia and have opportunities to engage in advocacy in an effort to improve the lives of older Georgians.

## 8. JOB PROSPECTS

GGS offers information regarding career opportunities as well as useful resources to help you find the perfect path for you.

## 9. NEW PERSPECTIVES

We are often extremely busy and can get stuck in our own little bubbles. Being around other aging professionals with different viewpoints will expose you to new ideas and outlooks. This can have a very positive effect not only on your personal growth and development, but also on your overall professional success.

## 10. VALUE

A general/individual GGS membership is only \$60 a year. The cost is affordable, and the benefits are vast!

**Join GGS today and be a member of the largest state organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families!**

"The Georgia Gerontology Society is a dynamic organization that identifies evidence-based research and translates it to the aging network in ways that support higher quality of life for older adults and their care partners, higher quality services, and better outreach and access in Georgia. As an academic training master's-prepared gerontologists, GGS provides both an invaluable networking opportunity for students and many dissemination opportunities for my own research to an interested and engaged audience."

- Dr. Jennifer Craft Morgan  
Associate Professor  
Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University

