

UNCG Computational Mathematics Ph.D. program

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Franklin Gilliam
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Dear Mr. Gilliam,

One stated rationale for eliminating the UNCG Ph.D. program in Computational Mathematics is to prioritize lower-division courses. However, although Ph.D. students consume some resources, they also contribute to lower-division courses through teaching assistantships. It is not at all clear that eliminating this Ph.D. program will meaningfully improve lower-division education. Moreover, there is the potential for negative effects (for example, increased difficulty in recruiting faculty).

I would urge a careful evaluation of the effects of eliminating this program to decide if eliminating this program really makes sense for UNCG.

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