

David C. Lee, Vice President for Research University of Georgia

David C. Lee joined the University of Georgia as Vice President for Research on September 1, 2005. He oversees research in the university's 16 colleges and schools as well as in more than a dozen **interdisciplinary research centers and institutes**. The Office of the Vice President for Research also is responsible for **sponsored-research administration**; **compliance** with university, state and federal regulations pertaining to research; **technology transfer and commercialization** of UGA intellectual property; **research communications**; and much of the UGA research infrastructure and support services. He also serves as Executive Vice President for the University of Georgia **Research Foundation, Inc.**

Dr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Science in biology at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., in 1973 and a doctoral degree in biochemistry from the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., in 1979. He then spent four years as a postdoctoral fellow, first at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., working in biochemistry, and then at the University of Washington, Seattle, working in pharmacology. He held a Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship during this time.

In 1983 he joined Oncogen Corp. in Seattle as a senior scientist, and in 1985, he moved to the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, where he would invest the next 20 years in teaching and cancer research. Dr. Lee began his tenure at UNC – Chapel Hill as an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and as a member of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. In 1991 he was promoted to associate professor and also was named program leader for Cancer Cell Biology at the cancer center. In 1995 he became a full professor and in 1998 was named chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, a position he held until his UGA appointment in 2005.

He has received continuous funding since 1985 from the National Institutes of Health for his cancer research that focuses on how hormones influence gene transcription and expression, especially in relationship to transforming growth factor (TGF), which is known to play a role in cancer cell proliferation in several types of cancers. He has published approximately 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles on his work in such highly respected journals as *Nature*, the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Science*, *Nature Medicine* and *Cell*. He also has served as a frequent reviewer for several major science journals.

Dr. Lee's awards include election as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2004. He also served as a member of the National Institutes of Health's Pathology B Study Section, both as a full member and in an ad hoc capacity. He received the University Exploratory Research Award from Proctor and Gamble (1995-1997), the Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Award for Scholarly Achievement, UNC-Chapel Hill (1994), the Jefferson-Pilot Award for Excellence in Academic Medicine, UNC-Chapel Hill (1989) and an American Cancer Society Junior Faculty Award (1969-1989). He is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society for Cell Biology, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and the Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry.