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## **University of Georgia Selected to Host NHTI** *University becomes home to prestigious program in 2011*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 2009)** -- The Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) is proud to announce that the University of Georgia has been selected as the new host institution for the James C. Grimm National Housing Training Institute. The campus will assume host duties starting in 2011.

“It is a singular honor to be selected as host,” said Dr. Gerry Kowalski, executive director of University Housing as well as the institute co-director along with Dr. Keener Scott, the associate director for staff development and judicial programs in University Housing. “Given the fact this is the premiere professional development opportunity for housing professionals, as well as the quality of the other institutions we were competing against, it’s an incredible opportunity to be chosen.”

The James C. Grimm NHTI is an intense professional development program for those with 3-5 years of full-time experience in student housing. Senior-level housing and student affairs officers serve as faculty and the curriculum is based on a set of competencies that include budgeting, leadership, supervision, community building, planning, as well as crisis management and emergency preparedness among others. NHTI participants assess their current competencies and create a professional development plan to achieve their career goals.

NHTI is held each June. The 30 participants must apply to be selected.

“We are excited about Georgia’s commitment to helping develop the next generation of housing professionals,” said ACUHO-I president Michael Schultz, “and confident they will do an excellent job.”

“NHTI is a great example of the type of experiential learning that works so well for adult learners,” said Kowalski. “We look forward to continuing the great work started by [past hosts] the University of Florida and the University of Maryland, and infusing it with our Bulldog spirit.”

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