GradIO
Your portal to graduate school.
Welcome to the Georgia Tech Community!
President Ángel Cabrera invites you to the

GRADUATE STUDENT CONVOCATION

a welcome ceremony for all graduate students!

4:00 p.m.
September 1\textsuperscript{st}

Clough 152 & Streamed Online
Student Government Association

Empower | Embody | Preserve | Enrich

August 2021
Our Mission

Serve the graduate student body.

Advocate for students.

Empower student organizations.

Preserve student integrity.

Enrich the student experience.
Current Initiatives

- Covid-19 Recovery
- Satellite Counselors
- Lower Fees and Higher Stipends
- Supporting Graduate Student Research
- Academic Advocacy
- Strengthening Culture
Welcome

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Welcome

Ángel Cabrera
Georgia Tech’s
12th President
Who is Georgia Tech?

**PROGRESS**
- We strive for excellence.
- We thrive on diversity.
- We celebrate collaboration.
- We act ethically.
- We champion innovation.

**SERVICE**
- Students are our top priority.
- We safeguard freedom of inquiry and expression.
- We nurture the well-being of our community.
- We are responsible stewards.

“Progress and Service”
Georgia Tech Fast Facts

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Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building
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• Including online master’s students, graduate students make up over 60% of the student body (as of spring 2021)
• Graduate students are roughly 1/3 of the on-campus student population

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GEORGIA TECH!
Key People in Your Schools – Program Coordinators

Lisa Redding
Biological Sciences

Michael Terrell
Public Policy
Key People in Your Schools – Faculty Directors

Martha Grover
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Andrei Federov
Mechanical Engineering
Office of Graduate Studies

- Not just admissions and graduation paperwork
- Three Minute Thesis
- Graduate Pathways for Success
- GT6000 (Grad Groups)
- Grad Student Appreciation Week
Graduate Student Communications

- Grad Buzz Newsletter
- @GeorgiaTechGraduateStudies
- Grad Student Facebook Group

Welcome to the Georgia Tech Community!
As a Tech grad student, you play a significant role in our community. In fact, grad students make up more than half of the student body and are central to the Institute’s teaching and research efforts.
21st Century Skills

Cognitive Skills:
problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, knowledge,

Interpersonal Skills:
teamwork, communication, leadership

Intrapersonal Skills:
adaptability, personal and social responsibility, initiative

[from: National Research Council of the National Academies]
Communication Skills
Teaching and Future Faculty

TA Development and Future Faculty support

- TA Orientation and International TA Orientation (online)
- CETL 2000 and 8000 curriculum partnership with schools
- Workshop series on academic job search and teaching
- Individual consultations on academic jobs and teaching
- Institute-wide TA of the year award event and selection process

Tech to Teaching

Graduate Teaching Fellows

International TA Program
Bill Moore Student Success Center

We offer you:

• Workshops: career.gatech.edu/events
• Graduate Internship Program
• CareerBuzz job posting site
• Career Fair Sept. 13-15
• Interview rehearsal & resume review
• Job search strategy & salary negotiation tips
• New! Career Exploration Groups

Full-length appointments
Graduate Advisors:
career.gatech.edu/careerbuzz
Clarence Anthony, Jr.
Christina Hall

Drop-in hours
career.gatech.edu/contact
The Catalog

• Institute “Law”
The Catalog

- Institute “Law”
- Graduate Academic Policies
- Enrollment Guidelines
- Degree Requirements
- Mutual Expectations

http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/academics/graduate/expectations/

catalog.gatech.edu/academics/graduate/
Policy Library

- Repository of campus policies

[Link: https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/]
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- Graduate student employment
- Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
- Academic Honor Code
- Stipends

http://policylibrary.gatech.edu/academic-affairs/graduate-student-policies
Staying Healthy
Georgia Tech Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)

- Great benefits (health, dental, vision)
- Affordable (full cost information online)
- Subsidized for GRAs/GTAs (GT pays 75% and you pay 25%)
- Mandatory vs Voluntary Plans
- You must enroll online (deadline is Sept. 20)

https://health.gatech.edu/finance/insurance
Spiritual Health and Well-Being

- **Spiritual Well-Being** helps one establish peace and harmony in their life through dialogue, service and self-reflection.

- There are a number of spiritual organizations on campus:

  [http://diversityprograms.gatech.edu/content/spirituality](http://diversityprograms.gatech.edu/content/spirituality)
Staying Mentally Healthy at Tech

• Graduate school can get stressful. Make sure to seek help if you’re feeling overwhelmed.

Georgia Tech CARE
Flag Building, 1st Floor
care.gatech.edu
• Schedule a consultation:
  (404) 894-3498
• After-hours counselors available
Staying Mentally Healthy at Tech

- Find balance between work (academics/research) and life
- Integrate yourself into the Atlanta and campus communities

How?

- Get involved in a student organization
- Engage @ Georgia Tech to find student organizations [engage.gatech.edu](http://engage.gatech.edu)
- Atlanta is your backyard, so you don’t have to limit yourself to on-campus opportunities
Student Alumni Association

- Largest organization on campus with around 5000 members each year
- Supported by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association
- 170,000+ alumni in our network!
- Connects students with alumni, the Atlanta community, and the Institute
- Foster philanthropic support for the Institute
Fall 2021 Programs

• Engage with notable alumni through Expert Jackets
• Prepare for life after Tech with Get Ready for the Real World
• Connect with businesses in the Greater Atlanta area with Jackets on the Job
• Meet alumni in their homes with Dinner Jackets
• Get paired one-on-one with a personal mentor through Mentor Jackets
Join Today!

Registration is open now!  
www.gtsaa.com

Follow us on Instagram  
@gatechsaa

SAA Kick Off - September 16th!
Division of Student Life Resource Centers

- Civic Engagement
- Counseling Center
- GT CARE
- Disability Services
- Health Initiatives
- Leadership Education & Development (LEAD)

- LGBTQIA Resource Center
- Office of the Arts
- Student Diversity Programs
- Student Integrity
- Veteran’s Resource Center
- Women’s Resource Center
Conflict Resolution and the Ombuds

• The Ombuds Program — a confidential, neutral, informal, and independent conflict resolution and management resource — is available to assist any member of the Georgia Institute of Technology community seeking assistance.

Faculty & Graduate Student Ombuds:
Dr. Kyla Ross
Dr. Russ Callen
provost.gatech.edu/conflict-resolution
Campus Buses, Parking, and Dining

- Passio GO! is the campus bus tracking app [http://bus.gatech.edu/](http://bus.gatech.edu/)
- Parking permits - [http://pts.gatech.edu/](http://pts.gatech.edu/)
- Dining locations and meal plan options- [https://dining.gatech.edu](https://dining.gatech.edu)
To enroll:

1. Download the Duo Mobile App from your app store.

2. You can self enroll, OR visit OIT in the Technology Support Center in CULC for help.

All students must enroll by the deadline to avoid interruption of any GT IT services.

**DEADLINE: Sept. 6, 2021**

https://passport.gatech.edu/
Registration

• You will register through your student account portal called “Oscar”
• Add courses through an associated course registration number (CRN)
• See your program for help with registration

https://oscar.gatech.edu/
Most courses will use a system called “Canvas” to manage content, grades, and course communications.

Log into canvas either by going to https://canvas.gatech.edu/ (click the “Login to Canvas” link) or you can go to https://gatech.instructure.com/ directly.

Check for a course named “Graduate Institute Orientation (GradIO)”
  - Self enroll link: https://gatech.instructure.com/enroll/KXA34X
Three tips for starting grad school:

1. Meet other students (especially outside your program) to develop your social and professional network,
2. Learn about campus resources available to you, and
3. Some of the best advice you will receive in graduate school will come from older graduate students.

REGISTER FOR GT6000
grad.gatech.edu/grad-groups
GT6000 (Grad Groups)

Topics we cover:
• professional development
• finding and working with mentors (including research advisors)
• planning your academic program
• stress/time management

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• Pass/fail, one-credit-hour course (i.e. it won’t affect your GPA)
• Course meets in person 8 times, once/week for an hour for the first 8 weeks of the fall semester
• Online modules and videos delivered through Canvas that you can complete when your schedule allows

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“I found Grad Groups as a great resource to interact with other grad students and interact with them on a same level other than academia. The pointers from the group leader have been really helpful.”

“The information about campus resources was very helpful, I think just raising awareness of these resources is important.”

“To understand that I am not alone in the boat navigating the treacherous bends of graduate life. A feeling of inclusion was brought through these meetings. I’m glad I joined.”

grad.gatech.edu/grad-groups
Next Steps: Required Training

**Sexual Assault Prevention for Graduate Students** – An online course about healthy relationships, the importance of consent, and the role of bystander intervention on university campuses. You should have already received a notification. **Deadline is August 27, 2021.**

*not required for online master’s students*

**VOICE – Sexual & Relationship Violence Prevention & Response Initiative**

**Confidential Victim-Survivor Advocacy**
- Students who would like to speak confidentially about an experience may contact a Victim-Survivor Advocate. Visit voice.gatech.edu for more information
- 24/7 VOICE on-call advocate available – to access after-hours, call GT Police (404.894.2500), need only provide a phone number
Next Steps: Required Training

**Responsible Conduct of Research** – PhD students, master’s thesis students, and master's students funded by certain federal research awards are required to complete RCR training.

[https://rcr.gatech.edu/](https://rcr.gatech.edu/)
Next Steps: Onboarding

Student Employee Onboarding
• Graduate student employment processing by HR
• August 18-20, 9am-3:30pm, Clough Commons, 3rd floor
• GRA’s/GTA’s/GA’s must attend after completing paperwork online
  • You MUST sign up for an appointment
  • Complete the hiring module linked in the GradIO Canvas site

Bring required forms of identification. More information: https://hr.gatech.edu/student-onboarding
Next Steps: GradExpo

GradExpo

• New graduate student resource fair
• August 19th, 10am-4pm, Clough Commons 1st and 2nd floor
• Special topic sessions available:
  • Professional development resources
  • How to Succeed as an International Student
  • Georgia Tech Student Health Insurance Plan
  • And more...

https://grad.gatech.edu/gradexpo
Next Steps: Registration and Fee Payment Deadlines

Register for classes by Friday August 27 at 4pm.
Pay for tuition and fees by Monday August 30 at 4pm.

Payment options:
1. Via electronic check
2. Payroll deduction (only for students on payroll)

Note: If you are receiving scholarships or other financial aid, you will need to set up direct deposit through the Bursar’s office. This is completely separate from your paycheck through HR.
Next Steps: Other Dates and Deadlines

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GradExpo August 19, 10am-4pm, Clough Commons
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Sexual Assault Prevention training by August 27.
Pay for tuition and fees by Monday August 30 at 4pm.
Grad Convocation: Sept. 1 at 4pm, Clough 152 and online
Health Insurance Enrollment: Sept. 20
Jackets Moving Forward Safely
Stay informed, stay healthy, stay well.
https://health.gatech.edu/tech-moving-forward
Really Important Things to Know

The **Yellow Jacket** is the Georgia Tech mascot.

**Buzz** is the name of the mascot.

The **Ramblin’ Wreck** is Tech’s one-of-a-kind “mechanical mascot” – a 1930 Model A Ford.
Really Important Things to Know

**George P. Burdell** is a fictitious Georgia Tech student and alumnus known as the “Spirit of Georgia Tech.”

If someone asks you:
“**What’s the Good Word?**”
You should respond:
“**To Hell with Georgia!**”

What’s that whistle noise?
Common Questions

“Where do I get a Buzz Card (student identification card)?”
• Exhibition Hall during Week of Welcome (Aug. 14-21)
• Housing move-in packet.
• Check https://buzzcard.gatech.edu/ for more information.

“How do I get football and other athletic event tickets?”
www.RamblinWreck.com
Students get free or discounted tickets.

“When do I register for classes?”
• Consult with your program and then register for classes before Aug. 27, 4pm.

CTL, GTRI, GTRC, OSP, TSRB and WREK?!
“Tech Lingo” – www.gatech.edu/tech-lingo
In-Person and Virtual Appointments

- **In-person appointments** are for students who need to submit official, final academic documents; do not schedule an in-person appointment unless you have documents to submit.

- If you only have general questions or would like to verify that your application is complete, you should sign up for a **virtual appointment**.

- To schedule an appointment or for more information, go to [https://grad.gatech.edu/person-and-virtual-appointments-now-available-incoming-students](https://grad.gatech.edu/person-and-virtual-appointments-now-available-incoming-students)
THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Office of Graduate Studies
https://grad.gatech.edu/contact-us