Welcome to the Georgia Tech Community!
Welcome

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Director
Office of Graduate Education
President Ángel Cabrera invites you to the GRADUATE STUDENT WELCOME PICNIC, a welcome celebration for all graduate students! 4:00 p.m. August 26th at Brock Indoor Football Practice Facility.
Welcome

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Office of Graduate Education
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”
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Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building
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- Including online master’s students, graduate students make up over 61% of the student body (as of spring 2022)
- 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

Danielle Ramirez  
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Key People in Your Schools – Faculty Directors

Martha Grover
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Andrei Federov
Mechanical Engineering
Office of Graduate Education

• Not just admissions and graduation paperwork
• Three Minute Thesis
• GT6000
• Grad Student Appreciation Week
• Student Support

Office of Graduate Education
Savant Building, 3rd floor
https://grad.gatech.edu
Graduate Student Communications

• Grad Buzz Newsletter
• @GeorigaTechGraduateEducation
• Grad Student Facebook Group

Congratulations from President Cabrera

Dear Accepted Graduate Students:
I am pleased to congratulate you on your acceptance to one of the finest research universities...
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]
Teaching Assistants and Future Faculty: Center for Teaching and Learning

TA Orientation for new TAs:

- Part 1: complete GT TA Training via Canvas
- Part 2: attend TA Development Academy, Friday, August 19, 8am to 12pm in Clough

Or, your school might offer CETL 8000 TA Training course

Additional CTL resources for graduate students:

- Tech to Teaching and CIRTL certificates in college teaching
- International TA resources
- Workshop series and individual consultations on teaching and academic job search
- Institute-wide TA of the Year Awards
- Graduate Teaching Fellows peer training ambassadors
We offer you:
- Workshops: career.gatech.edu/events
- Graduate Internship Program
- CareerBuzz job posting site
- Career Fair Sept. 12-13
- Interview rehearsal & resume review
- Job search strategy & salary negotiation tips
- Career Exploration Groups

Full-length appointments
Graduate Advisors: career.gatech.edu/careerbuzz
Lanie Damon
Catharine Groover
Christina Hall

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

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

[Link to Catalog Page](http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/academics/graduate/expectations/)

[Additional Links](catalog.gatech.edu/academics/graduate/)
Policy Library

- Repository of campus policies

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
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. 26)

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
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

- Supported by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association
- 180,000+ alumni in our network!
- Connects students with alumni, the Atlanta community, and the Institute
- Creates community within membership
- Exclusive access to alumni connection programming
Fall 2022 Programs

• Engage with notable alumni through **Expert Jackets**
• Meet alumni for dinner with **Dinner Jackets**
• Network with alumni in your industry with **Jackets Roundtable**
• Get paired one-on-one with a personal mentor through **Mentor Jackets**
Join Today!

Info session registration opens **August 15th**

Members must

- Attend at least 2 events and 2 monthly meetings each semester

Learn more at gtsaa.com
Save the Date!

Join Georgia Tech Connect!

Connect.gtalumni.org
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

- TransLōc 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. 5, 2022

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
Canvas Learning Management System (LMS)

- 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 “Fall 2022: Graduate Institute Orientation (GradIO)”
  - Self enroll link: https://gatech.instructure.com/enroll/77H37Y
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/gt6000
Topics We Cover

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

grad.gatech.edu/gt6000
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

grad.gatech.edu/gt6000
“I found GT6000 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/gt6000
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 12, 2022 (or ASAP).**

*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/
Next Steps: Onboarding

Student Employee Onboarding

- Graduate student employment processing by HR
- August 17-19, 9am-4pm, 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
  - International students must first complete OIE check-in process online

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

GradExpo

• New graduate student resource fair
• August 18th, 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 26 at 4pm.
Pay for tuition and fees by Monday August 29 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 18, 10am-4pm, Clough Commons

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Grad Welcome Picnic: Aug. 26 at 4pm ET, Brock Practice Facility

Health Insurance Enrollment: Sept. 26
Really Important Things to Know

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

The **Ramblin’ Wreck** is Tech’s one-of-a-kind “mechanical mascot” — a 1930 Model A Ford.

**Buzz** is the name of the mascot
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 BuzzCard (student identification card)?”

• BuzzCard @ Pavilion during Week of Welcome (Aug. 12-20)
• 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. 26, 4pm ET.

CTL, GTRI, GTRC, OSP, TSRB and WREK?!

“Tech Lingo”

www.gatech.edu/tech-lingo
How to Connect with Office of Graduate Education

Admission staff will be on campus week of **August 15** and **August 22**

- Come to our office (318 Savant Building) if you need to submit documents or have other admission related questions
- No appointments necessary

Starting August 29, admission staff will be working remotely

- We have staff on-call daily to answer phone calls and emails
- This is the best way to contact our staff

Contact information at [https://grad.gatech.edu/contact-us](https://grad.gatech.edu/contact-us)
THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

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