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GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Georgia Tech educational experience is distinctive because of the combination of high academic quality within a public, technologically oriented university. Georgia Tech offers the unparalleled educational quality of an Ivy League university with the strong blend of affordability and extracurricular programs—such as Division I athletics—offered at most large state schools.

Georgia Tech students have the chance to make a meaningful difference by striving to improve the campus—and the world. The Tech campus provides opportunities to put into practice ideas that make a difference. For example, Tech students have initiated an academic honor code, created the annual Team Buzz Community Service Day, and championed the creation of a campus recycling program. These initiatives have made a tremendous difference in the lives of students, faculty, and members of the Atlanta community.

Experiences such as these prepare our students to be the kind of visionary, technological leaders who can make an enduring difference. After they graduate, Tech students go out into the world and continue a tradition of achievement that includes leading NASA into a new era; becoming a world-renowned scientist, academic leader, and Nobel Prize recipient; or even becoming president of the United States—in the case of Jimmy Carter. In addition to professional development, Georgia Tech also helps students grow as human beings by providing a campus atmosphere with countless activities and organizations to accommodate almost any interest. Georgia Tech strives to help students become the people they want to be and make the kind of differences they want to make.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The quality of the Georgia Tech educational experience is reflected in two important ways: consistently strong rankings by national publications and a prestigious, highly regarded curriculum with a technological focus.

In 2010, Georgia Tech was ranked number seven among public universities in the country by U.S. News & World Report, which also routinely lists many of Tech's undergraduate programs in the top ten.

Georgia Tech is also renowned for providing a highly diverse educational environment. The Institute consistently ranks among the top universities in the country in the number of engineering degrees awarded to women, African Americans, and all underrepresented minorities.

Tech's high-quality faculty is another key contributor to the Institute's educational environment. More than 90 percent of the faculty hold PhDs, and Tech's prominent faculty are recognized worldwide for their excellent research and teaching skills. Both faculty and administrators help to ensure that the Georgia Tech curriculum reaches far beyond the scope of traditional major classes with programs that provide a

competitive career advantage. Many forward-thinking students choose to participate in the Cooperative Program, an alternating work/study program that is the largest voluntary program of its kind in the United States, or the Internship Program, which offers a more flexible means of acquiring professional experience. Nearly 6,500 students participate in co-op, internship, and work abroad programs, which provide not only valuable work experience, but also income to offset college expenses. Also available in many undergraduate majors is the International Plan, which provides students with extensive study/work abroad experience.

Regardless of whether students choose a co-op or internship position, participate in the International Plan, or pursue a preprofessional program to prepare for graduate or professional school, Tech helps students lay the groundwork for a successful future.

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

From its beginnings 125 years ago, the Georgia Institute of Technology has established a tradition of excellence in technological research as well as education. The Institute is well known for its high academic standards and stands among the top ranks of U.S. research universities with a clear vision for leadership in providing a cutting-edge, technological education for the twenty-first century.

Our peers and the public recognize Georgia Tech's commitment to excellence. Georgia Tech is one of the South's largest industrial and engineering research agencies. Research is conducted for industry and government by the Georgia Tech Research Institute, various academic schools and departments, and more than 100 interdisciplinary research units on and off campus. In Georgia specifically, the Institute plays a leading role in the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA), a centerpiece of the state's economic development strategy. In addition, Georgia Tech's Center for Advanced Communications Policy (CACP) supports various levels of government in the state and the region through its focus on advanced communications. CACP's areas of expertise include wireless communications and platforms; the needs of people with disabilities; disaster communications; innovation in local government; international comparative policy analysis; and new communication modes, including social networking, virtual worlds, open source process and publishing, and electronic games.

By insisting the Institute's major interdisciplinary research centers—focusing on topics from architectural conservation to biotechnology, microelectronics, and transportation research—also develop distinct undergraduate and graduate educational programs, the Georgia Tech administration aims to keep its educational programs on the leading edge of discovery and development.

CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE

Many students cite the interactive learning atmosphere at Georgia Tech as one of the primary benefits of attending the Institute. Through hands-on learning experiences such as labs, field studies, and team projects, Tech students are prepared for the real world. Continued recruitment and job placement of high-quality students is also an advantage that many gain from attending Georgia Tech. The Career Services Office is one of the

nation's most successful and innovative. Upon graduation, approximately 70 percent of Tech students have already accepted a job or been accepted to graduate school.

Tech's administration and staff emphasize student services as well as academics. Centralized student services, the Student Success Center, and renovated and new residence halls are some of the efforts to further enhance the quality of life on campus. The strong work ethic at Tech is balanced by a collegiate atmosphere incorporating both intercollegiate and intramural sports, campus traditions, and approximately 400 student organizations. Alongside their academic achievements, Tech students are also active in the community, earning a well-rounded education through community service activities.

To become even more effective in a rapidly diversifying world, Tech is aggressively recruiting underrepresented populations. The Institute is consistently rated among the top universities in the nation for graduation of underrepresented minorities in engineering, computer science, and mathematics. Each year the number of minority and female students continues to grow, ensuring that Tech's students will be ready to thrive in the multicultural workforce.

There's no doubt that Georgia Tech stands out as a distinctively different kind of university, one that is eagerly encouraging and developing the revolutionary technologies of the twenty-first century. Equipped with the extremely rich resources of an outstanding student body and faculty; strong partnerships with business, industry, and government; and support from alumni and friends, Georgia Tech is designing a future of global preeminence, leadership, and service.