

# TECHSPLORE SEMESTER



## NON-DEGREE STUDY ABROAD @ GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

TECHsplore programs provide short-term study opportunities for international students visiting Georgia Tech. Our programs are for non-degree seeking students and provide cultural and contextual information about Georgia Tech and the United States to support students' academic and social engagement while in Atlanta. TECHsplore programs are the only pathway for international, non-degree seeking students to study at Georgia Tech without an exchange agreement.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Student groups of 10+ from institutions outside the U.S. enroll full-time during the fall or spring semester
- Students will take classes within a specific academic unit and participate in cultural exchange programs and events based on the home institution's contract with the Office of International Education
- Sending institution establishes partnership with GT academic department to host cohort

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Fall Semester
  - Nomination Deadline: February 15
  - Application Deadline: April 1
  - Classes: mid-August to December
- Spring Semester
  - Nomination Deadline: August 1
  - Application Deadline: October 1
  - Classes: early-January to early May

### ACADEMICS

- Students must enroll full-time (12 credit hours) at Georgia Tech (GT) as non-degree visiting international students
- Students will primarily take classes within a specific academic unit
- The hosting GT academic department will provide all academic support

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Orientation, pre-arrival, and on-site support provided by GT
- A mentor selected by the hosting academic department
- Dedicated OIE staff member to assist with on-campus non-academic questions
- OIE coordinates monthly co-curricular and cultural activities/excursions

*Examples of past excursions include, GT sporting events, city tours, Skyline Park, Sweetwater Creek, CNN, World of Coca Cola*

### NOMINATIONS AND ADMISSION

- The sending institution must nominate eligible students to participate in the program
- The GT academic department must approve student nominations in order for students to apply to GT
- Students will complete the regular admission process for non-degree-seeking students, facilitated by OIE
- GT Undergraduate Admissions reviews applicants on the basis of regular selection criteria; admission is not guaranteed
- Students must provide original transcripts and proof of English proficiency as part of the admission process

## HOUSING

- Participants are ultimately responsible for securing their own housing
- Students may live in on-campus housing on a space available basis. Historically, more on-campus housing is available during the spring semester
- GT will provide general information on housing options on and off campus



## PROGRAM COSTS

- \$5000 TECHsplore program fee
- Out of State Tuition (approximately \$15,302 for 6+ credits) and fees
- Housing costs (On-Campus Housing is *optional pending availability*)
- All associated transportation, living expenses, and costs involved with participation in the program and studying at GT
- Medical, evacuation, and repatriation insurance (or present evidence of equivalent insurance through the standard appeal process)

*Payment of all program costs to GT is ultimately the responsibility of the sending institution*

## VISA INFORMATION

- GT will provide a DS-2019 form for each admitted student upon receipt of the student's financial and other required documents
- Participants must obtain a J-1 visa through the normal channels of the U.S. Department of State and are required to participate in co-curricular and cultural activities/excursions

## PROGRAM COMPLETION

- Students are ultimately responsible for their own academic performance and participation in the TECHsplore program
- Each participant must request a record of their academic performance (e.g. a transcript) to be sent to their home institution from the registrar
- OIE will recognize participation in the non-academic portion of the TECHsplore program with a Blockcert credential satisfied through program requirements outlined during students' pre-arrival

## ANY QUESTIONS?

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