GRADUATE COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Graduate Cooperative Education Program provides master’s and doctoral degree students majoring in any discipline at Georgia Tech the opportunity to supplement their graduate studies with specialized work experience. Graduate co-op students gain experience with top employers, earn competitive salaries to help defray educational expenses, and expand post-graduation career options while on semester-long work assignments.

The Graduate Co-op Program is available to enrolled Georgia Tech students and is based upon academic achievement. Internships related to a student’s field of study can receive academic approval as a graduate cooperative work assignment allowing students to work summer, fall, or spring semesters, full-time or part-time.

There are no fees associated with the Graduate Co-op Program and students are provided full-time enrollment status through their registration in a Graduate Co-op course. This permits students to retain all privileges of full-time enrolled students while on work assignments.

To participate in the Graduate Co-op Program, a student must

- have a 3.0 or better GPA,
- complete an online orientation session, and
- obtain a program participation letter from her or his major school.

Students normally identify their own job opportunities, but the Graduate Co-op Office provides access to a job posting database and can assist with career guidance, job searches, resumes, and cover letters. Graduate students accepting a graduate co-op/internship opportunity should see a Graduate Co-op Program advisor regarding offer letters, required academic approvals, registration permits, and any necessary work authorizations. Enrollment in a 6000-level co-op course, a noncredit/no-cost audit course with no student or Institute fees attached, is also required.

International students are eligible to participate, but F-1 visa holders must be enrolled for a minimum of two full-time semesters, excluding Summer sessions, before being able to work off campus. All international students on F-1, J-1, and other appropriate visas must work with the Office of International Education (http://www.oie.gatech.edu) to secure work authorization documentation.

For more information on the Georgia Tech Graduate Co-op and Internship Program, visit: www.gradcoop.gatech.edu (http://www.gradcoop.gatech.edu).