DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
WITH A MAJOR IN CITY AND
REGIONAL PLANNING

Georgia Tech has been awarding doctoral degrees with concentrations in city and regional planning since 1985, producing distinguished academics and scholars who work in universities and other research settings.

PhD students pursue advanced studies and research on issues most critical to the field of city and regional planning. The PhD program engages extensively with other programs, research centers, and colleges as it delivers its major and minor fields of study. Program graduates are expected to be well qualified to serve in a range of settings such as universities, planning consultancies, research and development firms, government agencies, and advanced practice.

Successful applicants have exceptional ability and fit with the School's research capabilities. Many applicants have completed an accredited master's degree in city and regional planning or a related field and have backgrounds in their proposed area of specialization. The program does admit capable applicants lacking this preparation, but these applicants may be required to undertake remedial work. Students are generally admitted for first enrollment for the fall semester only.

The program requires Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test scores taken within the last five years. Scores are expected to be well above the average unless a student’s record documents substantial professional or scholarly achievement as evidence of exceptional ability. Non-native speakers of English are expected to have a minimum IB TOEFL score of at least 620/261/102 (paper, computer, and internet tests respectively). Prior study in the United States does not waive this requirement.

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