CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
ACCEPTANCE TO GEORGIA TECH!

AN EXCITING
THRESHOLD

Right now, your head is probably spinning — in a good way — with all the doors that are opening up to you and the possibilities and opportunities that lie beyond.

One of the doors in your future will lead to a new living environment. This new space, much like your room at home, will be where you will keep your stuff and hang out with friends, where you will spend lots of time studying or retreating for a little solitude, and where you’ll curl up for a good night’s sleep.

At Georgia Tech, it’s also one of the key places where you’ll make new friends, find all kinds of support, and build community.

The Department of Housing is committed to providing new students with the very best in housing programs, services, and resources. We invite you to read more about the benefits of freshman housing and the options available to you — and we look forward to welcoming you to Georgia Tech!

A STRATEGIC MOVE

As a new college student with an increased level of responsibility and independence, you’re going to face some big adjustments — academic, social, logistical, and financial.

Whatever you can do to make these transitions easier will help, and that’s where living on campus comes in. Living on campus, you can:

» Be nearer to your classes, study groups, labs, and the library.

» Be closer to relationship-building extracurricular activities and stress-relieving amenities like the Campus Recreation Center and Tech Rec.

» Avoid time-consuming traffic, expensive commutes, and frustrating parking issues. (You can have a car on campus as a freshman!)

» Use Georgia Tech’s first-rate transportation system, day and night.

» Make one convenient payment for rent, utilities, Internet service, and cable TV.

» Enjoy the convenience of 24/7 support staff for maintenance and tech support.

» Feel safer and more secure with on-campus police protection and security features.
Students who participate in one or more aspects of the Freshman Experience program and take GT 1000 are 95 percent likely to return for a second year at Georgia Tech.
Studies consistently show that living on campus can increase a student’s chances of college success. This is especially important for freshmen as they transition to more independent living and learning.

To help you get off to the best start, Georgia Tech offers the Freshman Experience. You can find details at www.freshmanexperience.gatech.edu, but, essentially, it is a comprehensive living-learning program with activities and resources designed to support your academic and social needs.

The foundation of the Freshman Experience is organic — eating together and living in traditional-style residence halls starts building a strong community among the incoming class. Georgia Tech’s Freshman Experience includes additional opportunities for academic success, leadership development, and active participation such as:

**Academic Support**

**GT 1000** – a class that will help you get better acquainted with campus resources and develop skills such as time management and study plans.

**Learning Assistance Program** – a service designed especially for first-year students that provides academic support and tutoring in select subjects in residence halls four nights a week.

**Leadership Opportunities**

**Emerging Leaders** – a program that helps you develop your individual leadership style through a self-assessment of your values and strengths coupled with guidance in group management, communication, and team-building skills.

**Hall Council** – a part of the Residence Hall Association that consists of residents from various areas. Freshmen elect their Hall Council officers early fall semester, giving you and your peers a voice in regulating policy issues and planning programs.

**Freshman Activities Board** – a group selected during fall semester that is given a budget to provide programming for first-year students, while developing its members’ leadership skills.

**Mentorship**

**Peer Leaders** – upperclassmen who live on the floor with you and other first-year students. Peer leaders plan activities and outings, share their experiences, and introduce you to people and resources that can get you going in the right direction.

**Freshman Partner Program** – a means for first-year students to connect with faculty, staff, or alumni at Georgia Tech. Freshman Partner interactions range from mentoring and networking, to social events, to discussions about current issues.

**Tech Support**

**Wreck Techs** – a resource that’s open six days a week during the academic year to provide free IT support to housing residents. During move-in, they come right to your door to help you set up your Internet, printers, gaming devices, cable TV, etc.

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**CHOICES, CHOICES**

**Rooms**

All freshmen live in traditional housing, but which residence hall you live in — and with whom — are narrowed down based on the information in your housing application. Before you begin applying for housing, you’ll want to visit www.housing.gatech.edu to see:

» Floor plans. (Floor plans include two-, three-, and four-person rooms.)

» Typical furnishings and bed lofting setup.

» Location on campus map.

» 360-degree room views.

» Photos of lounges, study areas, kitchen amenities, laundry facilities, and workout rooms.

Please note: Because room and roommate assignments are processed according to your housing application completion date, you are strongly encouraged to complete the online application as soon as possible to maximize your chances of getting the preferences you want.
Once you have secured your spot at Georgia Tech by confirming your intent to enroll and paying the $250 enrollment deposit via www.buzzport.gatech.edu you can begin the process of applying for on-campus housing by clicking on “My Housing.”

**Fall Semester**

All students seeking on-campus housing for fall must first submit their $600 housing prepayment, then complete their online application. This housing prepayment — less a one-time, nonrefundable $80 application fee — will apply toward rent for the first semester. All freshmen who submit the prepayment and application by **May 1** are guaranteed housing for their first year. Late applications are accepted but are not guaranteed. Fall housing contracts are binding for the entire academic year, so students are financially responsible for both the fall and spring semesters.

**Spring Semester**

Freshman students needing housing only for the spring must submit the $600 housing prepayment and apply online by the **second week of November**. (Late applications are accepted.) Spring housing contracts are only for the spring semester.

**Summer Semester**

Freshman students needing housing for the summer must submit the $300 housing prepayment and apply online. Summer housing contracts are only for the summer semester.

For more details on applying for housing, visit: www.housing.gatech.edu.

### Theme Housing

You may be assigned to a living-learning community based on your interest in or acceptance to programs such as the Honors Program (www.honorsprogram.gatech.edu), SMArt (www.smart.gatech.edu), or Grand Challenges (www.grandchallenges.gatech.edu).

### Choosing a Roommate

To choose a roommate, you’ll fill out a profile — via the online housing application’s “Roommate Preferences” step — to indicate personal preferences such as estimated frequency of overnight guests, sleep patterns, and housekeeping habits. You can browse your list of matches and directly contact the person who best fits you. If you already know who you want as a roommate, request that student by including his or her name and Georgia Tech ID number on your housing application. Keep in mind that you’ll only be paired with “accepted” roommate(s).
Here’s a checklist for ensuring that your housing application process goes as smoothly as possible:

- **Meet Your Application Deadlines**
- **Submit Your Payments**

Online payments are recommended and can be made at: www.buzzport.gatech.edu

If you must mail your payment, send it to:

**Georgia Institute of Technology**
**Bursar’s Office**
**Lyman Hall**
**225 North Avenue**
**Atlanta, GA 30332-0255**

- **Complete Your Profile**

You have until one month after the **May 1** deadline to complete your profile and indicate your residence hall preferences.

- **Watch for Emails**

Until you are registered for classes, the Department of Housing will communicate with you through the email address listed on your Institute admission application. Once you’re assigned an official Georgia Tech email account, it will become our official point of contact with you.

- **Look for Your Room and Roommate Assignment**

You may check your fall 2016 room and roommate assignments online early in July. Log into “My Housing” and open your application. Click on “Room and Roommate(s) Info” to see your room assignment, roommate(s), and contact information for your roommate(s).

- **Understand the Cancellation Policy and Penalty Schedule**

If you must cancel your housing application or contract, you can do so under “My Housing” on BuzzPort. If you are unable to cancel under “My Housing,” email information@housing.gatech.edu with “Housing Cancellation” in the subject line and include your name, Georgia Tech ID number, and reason for canceling. See the sidebar for Cancellation Penalty Schedule. Keep in mind that if you decide against attending Georgia Tech and withdraw your admission application, you must also cancel your housing application directly with the Department of Housing.

Housing Accommodations for Disabled Students

The Department of Housing is committed to providing access and accommodations for all students. If you have a disability that requires accommodations, apply for housing first, then immediately register with the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 404.894.2563 or 404.894.1664 (TDD). We will work with ODS to verify your needs and find proper accommodations, but you must meet the **May 1** housing prepayment and application deadline for the fall semester and self-identify to the Department of Housing and ODS. Accessible rooms for spring and summer are based on availability and meeting all deadlines.