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Getting Ready for Election Day

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Election day, Nov. 3, is just around the corner. If you have not registered to vote, there's still time.

Registration

First, is your voter registration up to date? If you should be registered in Georgia, check your voter registration status at mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP. For other

states, find your registration information through the list of resources at gov.gatech.edu/vote.

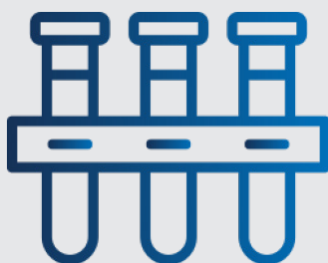
Who is eligible to vote? To register in Georgia, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- A legal resident of Georgia and the county in which you plan to vote.
- At least 17 ½ years of

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GEORGIA TECH VOTER INFORMATION RESOURCE
gov.gatech.edu/vote



Have You Been Tested This Week?

Make weekly coronavirus testing part of your routine. View updated information about testing sites and operating hours at health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/testing.

HR Topics for Managers

Join Human Resources for this month's HR Topics for Managers — the conversation for people who manage people at Georgia Tech.

These discussions with Chief Human Resources Officer Kim D. Harrington and members of Georgia Tech Human Resources inform and guide managers through HR policy and practices and provide updates, guidance, and answers to your questions. Submit your questions in advance when you RSVP.

You must RSVP to receive the official Outlook calendar invitation with the meeting link. Closed captioning will be provided.

Thursday, Sept.17

2 – 3:30 p.m.

via BlueJeans

RSVP at c.gatech.edu/hr-managers-sept17

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age to register and 18 years of age to vote.

- Not serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude.
- Not found mentally incompetent by a judge, unless the disability has been removed.

Voter registration is a county function, with counties issuing precinct cards after processing applications.

To register online, you need a valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services with signature on file. The deadline to register online is Monday, Oct. 5.

You also may register by mail. Download, print, sign, and mail the application to your county registrar here.

Voting Absentee

To vote by absentee ballot, the ballot must postmarked by election day and delivered by 7 p.m. on Nov. 6. To request an absentee ballot, the information entered online must match your voter registration record.

In Georgia, any registered voter can vote by absentee ballot — unlike some states, which require voters to provide a justification for requesting one. Georgia voters can request an absentee ballot here or at ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov.

Dates to Note

Important dates related to the November General Election and Special Election in Georgia:

- Sept. 15 — Earliest day for a registered voter to mail an absentee ballot.
- Oct. 5 — Last day a person may register and be eligible to vote.
- Oct. 12 — Early (Advanced In Person) Voting begins. Look up locations for your county.

Georgia Tech encourages full participation in the electoral process. The Institute is looking for voting team captains — nonpartisan volunteers who help members of the Tech community register and vote. Sign up at c.gatech.edu/vote-captain.

Policies and Campus Resources

Per section 8.2.7.7 of the USG's general personnel policies, employees are encouraged to exercise their constitutional right to vote in all federal, state, and local elections. Per section 4.1.3 of the USG's general Student Affairs policy, students are also encouraged to vote in all federal, state, and local elections. A student whose class schedule would

Your Power to Vote

The Georgia Tech Voter Engagement Steering Committee invites the Georgia Tech community to a town hall discussion on your rights as a voter. Kelvin Jones, Fulton county voter education and outreach training officer, along with a panel of internal stakeholders, will answer questions and discuss topics to help empower the campus community to vote in the upcoming elections.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Register to attend at
c.gatech.edu/powertovote

Find more voting resources at
gov.gatech.edu/vote

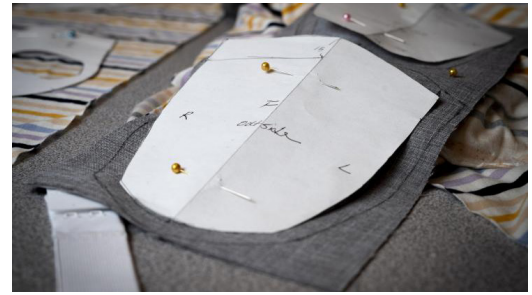
otherwise prevent them from voting will be permitted and excused absence for the interval reasonably required for voting. For more information, visit the Board of Regents Policy Manual at usg.edu/policymanual.

This year, Georgia Tech's Faculty Executive Board passed a motion brought forth by representatives from the Student Government Association (SGA) requesting that teaching faculty provide academic consideration for student voters on Election Day. Specifically, the SGA motion requested that, for Election Day, faculty move lectures to an asynchronous format; avoid scheduling in-class quizzes, tests, or assessments; and make lecture recordings available to students unable to attend class that day. The Faculty Executive Board passed the motion, clarifying that, although classes will still be in session Nov. 3, faculty members are strongly encouraged to consider making these modifications in order to give Georgia Tech students ample opportunity to participate in the election. Learn more about the motion at news.gatech.edu.

A voter education town hall — “Your Power to Vote” — will take place for the campus community on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Additional campus resources related to voting are available at gov.gatech.edu/vote.

The Student Government Association and Alpha Phi Alpha will host Wreck the Vote voter registration events beginning Sept. 15, as well as an online debate featuring campus political organizations on Thursday, Sept. 17. More information will be shared soon at news.gatech.edu.

A MODULAR MASK



Photos by Christopher Moore

Imagine a reusable face mask that protects wearers and those around them from SARS-CoV-2, is comfortable enough to wear all day, and stays in place without frequent adjustment. Based on decades of experience with filtration and textile materials, Georgia Tech researchers have designed a new mask intended to do just that — and are providing the plans so individuals and manufacturers can make it. Georgia Tech Professor Sundaresan Jayaraman and principal research scientist Sungmee Park wear prototypes of their redesigned face mask. Learn more about the mask at news.gatech.edu.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Don Giddens, former engineering dean and founding biomedical engineering chair, was recognized for sustained contributions to engineering education at Georgia Tech with the American Society for Engineering Education's 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award in Engineering Education.

Among the latest American Society for Microbiology (ASM) awardees in research, education, and leadership is School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Associate Professor **Jennifer Glass**, who received the 2021 ASM Alice C. Evans Award for Advancement of Women. Glass also holds a courtesy appointment in the School of Biological Sciences.

Tushar Krishna, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and ON Semiconductor Junior Professor, has been chosen as one of the recipients of the Facebook Research Faculty Award for AI System Hardware/Software Co-Design. Krishna was among

nine winners who were selected from 132 worldwide submissions. This is the second year in a row Krishna has won this award.

Glaucio Paulino, professor and Raymond Allen Jones Chair in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been selected as the winner of the Daniel C. Drucker Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The Drucker Medal was established in 1997 and is conferred in recognition of distinguished contributions to the field of applied mechanics and mechanical engineering through research, teaching, and service to the community.

W. Jud Ready, principal research engineer in the Georgia Tech Research Institute, was elected to the three-year Presidential Cycle for The Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society. Ready's term will run from 2021 to 2024.

The National Academies of Science and

Engineering has named **Peter Swire**, Elizabeth and Thomas Holder Chair and Professor of Law and Ethics in the Scheller College of Business, to a new study committee on The Future of Encryption. The committee will identify potential scenarios over the next 10 to 20 years for the balance between encryption and decryption.

John E. Taylor, associate chair for Graduate Programs and Research Innovation and Frederick Law Olmsted Professor in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished engineering and construction professionals by being elected to the National Academy of Construction. Taylor was recognized by the Academy for his leadership in research at the intersection of infrastructure systems and human networks, which is focused on improving urban sustainability and resilience, and is guiding the evolution of smart cities.

Tech Receives Diversity Award for Seventh Consecutive Year

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INSTITUTE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Georgia Tech has received the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, one of the oldest and largest diversity-focused publications in higher education. As a recipient of the annual HEED Award — a national honor recognizing colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion — Georgia Tech will be featured along with 89 other recipients in the magazine’s November 2020 issue.

This is the seventh consecutive year the Institute has been named a HEED Award recipient.

“Our diversity and inclusion core values support our vision for building and sustaining an inclusive and welcoming community,” said Archie Ervin, vice president for Institute Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. “In the years ahead, these values will also undergird our commitment to ensuring success for all our students, staff, and faculty so they can thrive and succeed unimpeded by social barriers.”

Open to all colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, the award measures an institution’s level of achievement and intensity of commitment in regard to broadening diversity and inclusion on campus through initiatives, programs, and outreach; student recruitment, retention, and completion; and hiring practices for faculty and staff.

Learn more at diversity.gatech.edu.

ABOVE THE FOLD



Photo by Allison Carter

Larissa Novelino and Glaucio Paulino work on large origami structures, including this one they posed with on Tech Green this summer. Their research seeks to advance the creation and understanding of such folded structures for applications ranging from soft robotics to medical devices to energy harvesters. Learn more about their work at c.gatech.edu/origami.

Well-being Credit Deadline Sept. 30

Employees and spouses covered on a University System of Georgia (USG) healthcare plan can earn up to \$100 in well-being credit by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Here are the ways you can earn credit for healthy activities this year:

- \$25: Complete a confidential health assessment.
- Up to \$50: Track your steps during the Virtual Fall College Tour Challenge.
- \$10: Sync an approved fitness device or app like Fitbit, Apple Health, etc.
- Up to \$60: Work with a health coach over the phone by scheduling online.
- \$25: Volunteer or participate in community events.

If you haven’t already registered for the new 2020 platform, here’s how:

- **Employees:** Register through One USG – Connect Benefits at oneusgconnect.usg.edu. Click on “Manage My Benefits” and then on the USG Well-being tile from the home page.
- **Spouses:** Register through ourwellbeing.usg.edu.

For questions regarding the program, call 833.724.4874 or email usgwellbeing@usg.edu.