



Georgia Tech

# Academic Advisors Network

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### GTAAN UPDATES

## Navigate 360 Advisor Workshop - 2/27 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The GT Advising community is invited to attend a workshop led by our EAB consultants who will be visiting campus February 27th. At this time, room capacity for in person attendance has been reached, however we have opened the event up for *virtual* attendance via Teams. Please RSVP by Friday Feb 21st to ensure you have a profile created to access our training site. After we have received your response, a Teams invitation will be sent to you.

We are very excited by the great response from advisors already! If you are not able to attend virtually, and would like information about upcoming IN PERSON workshops, please email [Ellen Riley](#), Director of Advising Operations and Engagement.

## GTAAN Newsletter Submission Guidelines

In order to streamline GTAAN newsletter submissions, we are reviving the guidelines and instructions for submitting items.

- Please provide us with a PDF or image if possible.
- If no PDF or image, please keep your submission to 150 words or less.
- Provide us with website links or documents that we can link to if applicable.
- Expiration date. If no date provided, your item will run in two newsletters max.
- Please make sure you use the submission form. Do not email the GTAAN email address directly **GTAAN Submission Form**
- Have all submissions sent in by Wednesday (the day before) at 4pm

Also, please make sure you're checking your spam folders for GTAAN newsletters. We have had individuals mention that the last few newsletters have gone to their spam, so please mark our address as safe!

Please be patience with us as we learning a new newsletter creation system and trying out new things and layouts--some things might not look like they did before! We are a work in progress and we appreciate your patience!

Questions? Email Sudie Davis, VP of Communications at **[gtaan@gatech.edu](mailto:gtaan@gatech.edu)**.

GTAAN Submission Website

## Best Practices Conference 2025 - Registration is OPEN!

You can now register for the 2025 GTAAN Best Practices Conference via Campus Tickets:

**<https://gatech.universitytickets.com/w/>** In the search bar, start typing GTAAN. The conference should auto populate to take you to the right event. Our theme this year is: "The Art of Advising - Communication Strategies That Inspire Action".

As a reminder, the date for this conference is **Monday, May 19th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Georgia Tech's Academy of Medicine**. Here is the price breakdown:

Early Bird Rates - Register by 3/24

GT staff/faculty: \$55

Non-GT staff/faculty: \$75

Regular Rates - Register from 3/25 to 4/25

GT staff/faculty: \$65

Non-GT staff/faculty: \$85

**\*\* You will have until April 25th to register for the conference - no late registrations will be processed \*\***

Please note the acceptable forms of payment:

GT staff/faculty: Personal credit card only. You can submit for reimbursement if your department covers this fee.

Non-GT staff/faculty: Personal credit card or your department's approved PCard.

Registration will also include continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Coffee/tea will be available at breakfast. Please note, parking *will* be covered for non-GT attendees. Parking will be NOT be covered for Georgia Tech attendees, so please plan accordingly.

**Are you interested in presenting?** If so, please submit a proposal by March 3rd by completing this survey.

If you have any questions, please email [gtaan@gatech.edu](mailto:gtaan@gatech.edu). We hope to see you there.



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## 2025 GTAAN Best Practices Conference

# THE ART OF ADVISING

Communication Strategies That Inspire Action

Best Practices Website

### Submit nominations for Advisor Spotlight!

Do you or someone you know deserve to have the spotlight on them? Submit nominations for Advisor Spotlight! Beginning with the next newsletter, we will spotlight one advisor a month! Email [gtaan@gatech.edu](mailto:gtaan@gatech.edu) with questions or nominations!

To read up on past spotlights, visit [Advisor Spotlight | GTAAN](#)

## GTAAN MEETING AND CONNECTION DATES

All meetings are held from 11am-12pm in Clough Lounge 211 unless otherwise stated.

### Spring 2025 GTAAN & GTAAN Connections Dates

- GTAAN January Meeting: Jan. 16 from 11am-12pm in Clough #211 or [via Zoom](#)
  - This meeting will feature Brian Garsh. The Undergraduate Transition Seminars Curriculum & Assessment Committee is reviewing the curriculum of GT 2000 Transfer Student Seminar and looking for input from stakeholders about common issues and challenges that transfer students face. We heard from transfer students in the fall semester and would like to hear from academic advisors at the January GTAAN meeting. Please come share your experiences and perspective with us during this focus group discussion.
- GTAAN Connections: Jan. 28 from 12-1pm
  - This meeting will feature Sudie Davis who will go through all things NACADA--conferences, leadership, etc.
- GTAAN February Meeting: Feb. 13 from 11am-12pm in Clough #211 or [via Zoom](#)
  - This meeting will feature Jamileh Harris who will be talking about employee benefits TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)/STRAP (Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program). Information about important guidelines and deadlines will also be addressed. Please attend if you have ever used this program, are currently enrolled, or are interested in learning more!
  - We'll also be hearing from Chad Sliepder, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Faculty-Co Director. He will share about the 2025 QEP and recent updates. The 2025 QEP: Leaders in Progress and Service--will deliver a program, available to all undergraduates, and is intentionally designed for transformative impact. It will prepare students to exemplify the leaders envisioned in GT's mission and motto.
- GTAAN Connections: Feb. 25 from 12-1pm in Clough #211
- GTAAN March Meeting: Mar. 13 from 11am-12pm in Clough #211 or [via Zoom](#)
  - Please join us for updates from Director of International Student and Scholar Services, Tina Rousselot de Saint Ceran about updates regarding our international student and scholars.
  - We'll also be joined by the Registrar's Office, Crystal Elster and Ansley Sharp with crucial information regarding transfer and incoming first year students, and the new Assistant Director of New Student and Transition Programs, James Allen who will speak about the upcoming FASET season.
- GTAAN April Meeting: Apr. 3 at 11am in Clough #211 or via Zoom.
  - Please join us to hear from our Exploratory Advising Team: Emmie Cass, Devoni Williams, and Nicole Leonard. This meeting is especially for those advisors in charge of change of major processes for their department. Time will be provided for each major to share their own process to the group.

[GTAAN Zoom Link](#)

[GTAAN Meetings Website](#)

## ADVISING & ADVISOR RESOURCES

### Industrial Design Minor Onboarding Process

Students from across campus can complete an industrial design minor to strengthen their skills and understanding of creative problem solving as it relates to design. The ID minor provides an introduction to basic competency in sketching and visualization, an understanding of design methods and human factors, and a chance to apply this knowledge to a practical design studio problem.

Before submitting the Change of Minor form, students are required to read all the modules of the Industrial Design Minor canvas group. The reading can be done at their convenience, but on average, it takes about an hour to complete. Students can self-enroll in the Canvas course

[ID Minor Canvas Page](#)

### ISyE Change of Major Process

ISyE has a process all students must follow in order to change their major, based on if they are a first-year student or a non-first year student/transfer. Steps are outlined on our change of major website. All students must attend a change of major meeting before beginning the change of major process. Any questions? Email Sudie Davis at [sudie.p.davis@isye.gatech.edu](mailto:sudie.p.davis@isye.gatech.edu)

ISyE Change of Major Meeting Dates

- March 11, 2025 11am
- April 8, 2025 11am

ISyE Change of Major Website

## CM Change of Major Meetings Spring 2025

The CM Change of Major meetings for Spring 2025 have been set. All are at 11 am on Thursdays via Microsoft Teams.

March 13th, 2025

April 10th, 2025

April 24th, 2025

Please share the link [here](#) if you have any CS or LMC students interested. Students can sign up via a Qualtrics survey at the bottom of the page.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS

## Alvin M. Ferst Leadership and Entrepreneurship Award

This \$3000 scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior who best meets the qualities of the ideal candidate:

The ideal candidate would be:

A person of vision

A driving force to create a business or organization

An inspiration to others to reach their potential

A leader with the ability to anticipate future needs

An optimist about finding solutions

One who generates support of the dream

And a person of character who says, “why not” “not why”.

With the work you do here at Georgia Tech I’m sure you encounter students of this caliber! Any “airtime” you can give to the award encouraging students to apply is greatly appreciated. This year we can award up to two scholarships.

Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to pass this email along.

The deadline for students to apply is Monday, March 3 – 1:00pm.

Questions? Email Debbie Dorsey at [debbie.dorsey@studentlife.gatech.edu](mailto:debbie.dorsey@studentlife.gatech.edu)

Ferst Award Description

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## PhD Financial Offer Letter Workshop - March 11th

# PhD Financial Offer Letter Workshop

Need help understanding the details of your PhD financial offer letter? Come to our workshop!



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**March 11,  
2025**



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**2:00 - 3:00  
PM**



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**Clough Lounge/  
Clough 211**



## Questions?

Contact Dr. Susan Belmonte,  
[sbelmonte@gatech.edu](mailto:sbelmonte@gatech.edu)



# Sustainability & SDGS in the Workplace - GT Alumni Panel Discussion - March 3rd

## SUSTAINABILITY & SDGS IN THE WORKPLACE:

### Georgia Tech Alumni Panel Discussion

Monday, March 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Zoom



Mays Goldman (BS/MS '17),  
Stormwater Planner and  
Technical Assistance  
Program Manager



Unwanna Etuk (BS '19),  
Manager, Shareholder  
Engagement  
(Just Transition)



Nicole Kennard (BS '17),  
Assistant Director for  
Community-Engaged Research



Laurel "Ellie" Kostka (MS '22),  
Sea Logistics Healthcare  
Customer Care Specialist



Savannah Tello (BS '20),  
Forest Restoration  
Coordinator

Georgia Tech graduates enjoy a competitive advantage in many fields due to experience engaging with sustainability and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Join us for a panel discussion with five recent Georgia Tech graduates who are applying their undergraduate sustainability and SDG learning in diverse fields. Identify ways to take advantage of SDG-aligned curricular and co-curricular opportunities at Tech that will make you a stronger candidate for professional roles that "improve the human condition."



Register here:



Register here to receive the Zoom link!

# You're invited to the Inaugural Transfer Student Success Summit! - February 28th

# TRANSFER SUCCESS SUMMIT

**Date:** Friday, February 28

**Time:** Variety of sessions  
hosted between 9am-2pm

**Location:** Bill Moore  
Student Success Center

**RSVP on Engage!**



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# SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the inaugural Transfer Success Summit! This event is open to Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, and administrators to share your experiences & contribute to conversations about best practices regarding transfer students. Help us raise awareness about programming, data, and transfer student support. Please drop in as your schedule allows, and note that there is a session specifically about advising transfer students.

[Registration](#)

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**Spring Commencement Schedule**

## CEREMONY DETAILS

### Thursday, May 1

Ph.D. Commencement, McCamish Pavilion

5-6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 4 p.m.

### Friday, May 2

Bachelor's Morning Commencement, McCamish Pavilion

9-11:30 a.m.

Doors open at 8 a.m.

Featuring College of Computing, Scheller College of Business, and College of Sciences

Bachelor's Afternoon Commencement, McCamish Pavilion

3-5:30 p.m.

Doors open at 2 p.m.

Featuring Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, College of Design, and College of Engineering

### Saturday, May 3

Master's Commencement, Bobby Dodd Stadium

9-10:15 a.m.

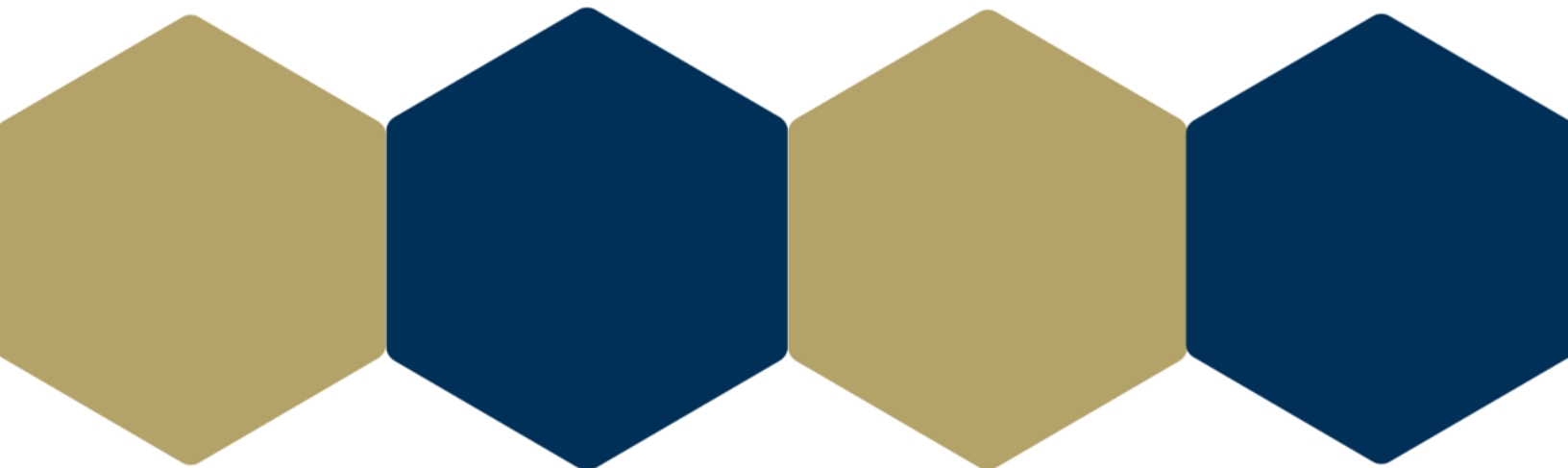
Doors open at 8 a.m.

\*College ceremonies will take place after the Institute ceremony at various times and locations on campus. View the full list of ceremonies at [commencement.gatech.edu/schedule](https://commencement.gatech.edu/schedule)

Spring 2025 Institute Event Dates

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## Fulbright Information Session - IEA Award for Faculty and Staff



# **Fulbright Information Session - IEA Award for Faculty and Staff**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12-1:30pm

Student Center - Peachtree Room

**This will be a Fulbright information session  
for staff and faculty to take advantage of  
international experiences offered by the  
Fulbright IEA award.**



**Fulbright**



**RSVP Here**



Office of  
International Education

Staff and faculty are invited to attend an information session on the Fulbright IEA Award on March 12th at 12pm. Please join presenters Dr. Steven Girardot, Amy Henry, Lorie Paulez, and Kate Kirk for a discussion of how to apply for a Fulbright Award and to learn about their experiences on the award. This is an in-person event and lunch will be served, so please RSVP by March 6th. If you have any questions, email Heidi at [heidi.fiedler@oie.gatech.edu](mailto:heidi.fiedler@oie.gatech.edu).

RSVP

Fulbright International Education Administrators Awards Website

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## Exploratory Advising Ambassador Program Applications Open - Deadline Extended!

Our ambassador program is a volunteer professional development opportunity for students to learn more about Exploratory Advising, refine their communication and interpersonal skills, and gain experience throughout their academic career. Students can scan the QR code to apply!

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND ADVISING OFFERS

# EXPLORATORY ADVISING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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For more information:  
email [expa@gatech.edu](mailto:expa@gatech.edu)  
or scan the QR code:



Deadline extended until March 7th!



# Career Coaching Network Train the Trainer Sessions

The Career Center is excited to offer three opportunities to participate in the Career Coaching Network Train-the-Trainer sessions this academic year. These interactive trainings are designed to equip faculty and staff with practical tools and strategies to effectively support students with common career-related questions and concerns.

· Tues, Mar. 18, 1-3:30pm, Bill Moore SSC Basement Hayes Conference Room **OR** Virtual - [Register HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Garcia, Director of Undergraduate Career Education at the Georgia Tech Career Center, at [laura.garcia@gatech.edu](mailto:laura.garcia@gatech.edu). Thank you in advance for your consideration and for sharing this invitation with any colleagues who may be interested in participating.

## GT 1000 & GT 2000 Team Leader Applications are live!

Apply to be a GT 1000 or GT 2000 Team Leader! Team Leaders support the transition of incoming first-year and transfer students to Georgia Tech through mentorship and experience while co-leading with staff and faculty from across campus. Develop transferable skills for future professional opportunities and share your knowledge about Georgia Tech culture and resources.

Please follow the link here to complete your application by Sunday, February 25:  
[https://gatech.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0STEAGEMz9Khh8](https://gatech.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0STEAGEMz9Khh8). If you have any questions concerning becoming a Team Leader or the Undergraduate Transition Seminars program, please send them to [jacquee.williams@gatech.edu](mailto:jacquee.williams@gatech.edu).



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**Become a GT 1000 or GT 2000 Team Leader**

To learn more visit:  
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Transition Seminars

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GT1000 & GT2000  
Transition Seminars

Apply to be a GT 1000 or GT 2000 Instructor for the Undergraduate Transition Seminar Program! Instructors are volunteer faculty, staff, and administrators from across campus that are passionate about supporting incoming first-year and transfer students. Gain a unique instructional experience through mentoring, knowledge sharing, and fostering a sense of belonging. Join our prospective instructor information session on Tuesday, February 25 at 12:00 PM. Application Deadline: March 15 Email [gt1000@gatech.edu](mailto:gt1000@gatech.edu) with any questions. We look forward to your application!

[Instructor Application](#)

**COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

**Oxford Summer Program Now Enrolling!**



# OXFORD SUMMER PROGRAM

The Oxford Summer Program offers students an unparalleled 12-week study abroad experience, combining academics with immersive cultural exploration.

Students gain global perspectives while earning 12 credits, making lifelong memories, and traveling across the UK and Europe.



## 2025 DATES

**Atlanta Portion**  
May 19-27

**Travel Portion**  
May 28 - June 28

**Oxford Portion**  
June 29 - August 10

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# ISyE SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM



A 10-week summer program in which talented undergraduate students conduct independent research under the direction of an ISyE faculty mentor.

**APPLICATION OPENS:  
FEBRUARY 2025**

For more information, contact:  
[ug-research@isye.gatech.edu](mailto:ug-research@isye.gatech.edu)



## **Eligibility:**

- Located in the Atlanta area for Summer 2025
- Rising juniors and seniors majoring in engineering, math, science, computing, or a related field

## **More Details:**

- 20 hours per week commitment
- \$3,000 stipend
- Participants are responsible for housing, transportation, and meals



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