



Georgia Tech

Academic Advisors Network

GTAAN Bi-Weekly | October 3rd, 2024

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ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT



Name: Briana Lampert

Department: College of Computing

Title: Academic Advisor II

Hometown: I lived in the Chicago suburbs until I was 11 and then in South Florida until College. I stayed in Gainesville, Florida from 18-23, and have been in Atlanta ever since.

Alma Mater: University of Florida

Degree(s): BA in English, M.Ed. in Secondary Education

Favorite activity/hobby: I am in a women’s West African drumming group and have been doing that for about two years. I mostly play my Djembe drum and a bit of Dunun. We focus on all the parts of a traditional rhythm every six-week class cycle. It is incredibly therapeutic and fun! We have built an amazing community. I also love hanging out with my fantastic husband, John, and our magnificent kiddo, Maggie. What is the best part of your job? My favorite part is connecting with students on a personal level. I always feel very honored when a student feels that they can confide in me. I love those moments when the conversation becomes existential and deep. Whether it is connecting students to resources, providing sound advice, or helping to navigate a difficult situation, it feels amazing to be an essential part of a student’s journey.

Where is your favorite place on campus? I am a big fan of all the beautiful foliage around campus. There is a little path with a bench that is surrounded by bushes before the CoC building. It feels like a secret. That is probably my favorite spot. I also really enjoy the Community Market, which is such a special thing we have.

Anything else that you would like for the GTAAN community to know about you and/or your role at Tech? Working at Tech is the first time that I have felt “at home” in my career. The College of Computing Undergraduate Advising Office Staff is like family to me, and I am very proud of the work we do. I feel proud to work at Tech. The only other job I loved was working at NPR, and that was in college over 20 years ago!

GTAAN UPDATES

Meet Your Executive Board!

President: Adrienne Hillman, CHBE

VP of Operations & Assessment: Ashlee Toomey-Flinn, OIE

VP of Communications: Sudie Davis, ISyE

VP of Engagement: VACANT

VP of Training & Development: Amanda Blocker, LMC

****For more information on the Executive Board, please visit our website!****

[GTAAN Website](#)

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**.

[GTAAN Submission Website](#)

GTAAN Best Practices Conference 2025

We are very excited to be hosting our next **GTAAN Best Practices Conference on Monday, May 19th, 2025!** It will be held in the Academy of Medicine. *Please mark your calendars now.* We are putting a call out for committee members, so we can schedule our first meeting in December before the new year. If you are interested in learning more and/or joining, please complete this brief Qualtrics survey

[Best Practices Committee Interest Form](#)

GTAAN VP of Engagement Open Position

We have an open position on our executive board - **VP of Engagement**. Thank you Davis Palubeski for your years of service to this board! Here is a brief description of the position if you are looking to throw your name in the hat for this great leadership role:

Responsible for coordinating plans and executes the programs for monthly GTAAN general meetings. Provides orientation and turns over all materials to successor. Supports other executive members as needed. One of our goals for the future is to have the VP of Engagement find exciting ways to welcome and engage new advisors on campus.

Please complete this Qualtrics if you are interested in joining an amazing team of advisors on the exec board:

[VP of Engagement Form](#)

NACADA Annual Conference Attendee List

Are you attending NACADA's Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA from October 27 through October 30th? Make sure to fill out the form below so we know who will be representing Georgia Tech. Please include flight information and contact info. Bring your GT swag and gear to sport throughout the conference! Also, sign up to volunteer! Information is below.

NACADA Attendee Form

Volunteer at the Annual Conference!

GTAAN MEETING AND CONNECTION DATES

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

- October 8th
 - GTAAN Connections ***CANCELED***
- October 17th
 - GTAAN Meeting ***Location: Highlands Room in Exhibition Hall***
 - Topic: Registrar Updates, Core IMPACTS
 - Presenters: Crystal Elster & Ansley Sharp
- November 7th ***NEW DATE-CHANGED TO AVOID PHASE I START***
 - GTAAN Meeting
 - Topic: Pre-Health Advising, Transfer Student Initiatives & Updates
 - Presenters: Francisco Castelan & Brian Garsh

UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS

Minor Fair - October 17th



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE
GEORGIA TECH 4TH ANNUAL
MINOR FAIR AND
SHOWCASE**

The Minor Fair and Showcase provides students an opportunity to learn about the 65+ minors that Georgia Tech has to offer, all in one location at one time. Please scan the QR code or use the url (https://gatech.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IHdlgjD3XvKYFE) to register your department!

**DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
TIME: 9:30AM TO 12PM
LOCATION: EXHIBITION HALL**



**Reserve Your Table Now!
Deadline: Monday, October 7th!**

Global Research & Internship Expo - October 7th-9th

The Global Research & Internship Expo on October 7-9, 2024 is a three-day event with 10+ sessions featuring international employers, campus partners, advisors, and GRIP program alumni who participated in international internships. This is a great opportunity for all to learn about the program and for students to network and learn about Summer 2025 global internship and research opportunities!



Office of
International Education

REGISTER TODAY



GLOBAL RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP EXPO

OCTOBER 7-9, 2024

MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYERS,
ADVISORS, AND FORMER GRIP STUDENTS.



GRIP EXPO: AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

7

11:00 AM

How to Find a Global Internship

12:00 PM

Interning in Japan

1:00 PM

Interning in Germany

2:00 PM

Volkswagen Mexico (Virtual)

John Lewis Student Center, Rafael Bras Meeting Room

In Person

OCTOBER

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9:00 AM

ITER Organization

10:00 AM

ThinkSwiss & Embassy of Switzerland

11:00 AM

GRIP Student Panel

1:00 PM

Prestigious Fellowships

Virtual

OCTOBER

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9:00 AM

U.S. Dept. of State

10:00 AM

Technical University of Munich (TUM Prep)

11:00 AM

DAAD Rise

12:00 PM

Nakatani RIES Program

Virtual

[Register Here!](#)

Virtual Graduate School Showcase Hosted by Georgia Tech - October 18th

Advisors! Please spread the word to your students about the Virtual Graduate School Showcase. This is a free event!



[Grad Showcase Info](#)

Pre-Health Seeks Volunteers for Mock Interview Clinic-October 11th, 3:00-5:00

The Pre-Health Advising Team is looking for volunteers from among faculty, staff, alumni, and community professionals for our VIRTUAL Pre-Health Mock Interview Clinic, Friday, 11 October, 3:00-5:00, online. As in previous years, we will begin with an overview for volunteers about what to look for in a professional school interview. Then our volunteers will move to individual online spaces to conduct interviews and offer feedback. We will conclude by 5:00. If you can participate as interviewers, please let us know by completing this [RSVP SURVEY](#). Previous years' participants--students and volunteers-- have found the event rewarding. Please join us if you can, share this invitation with colleagues, and let me know if you have any questions.

[RSVP Survey](#)

COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Changes to Math Minor Effective Fall 2024

New Minor Addition Process: In order to better communicate information and expectations to prospective math minors and to streamline the minor addition process, the School of Math will now require students to attend a Math Minor Information Session as the first step of adding the minor. See flyer linked below for more details.

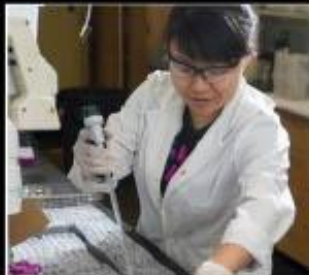
Fall sessions will be held:

Friday, October 25 from 3:30-4:30 in CoC 052

[Math Minor Info Page](#)

[Info Session Registration](#)

MSE Minor and Change of Major Info Sessions



Georgia Tech School of Materials Science and Engineering

MSE Change of Major

A Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) in Materials Science & Engineering (MSE) prepares students for a wide variety of career or graduate school options. MSE is an enabling discipline that focuses on developing processes needed to design and create materials with atomic and molecular scale structures that provide the properties necessary for meeting performance requirements for functions and applications for meeting next generation societal challenges.

Admitted Summer or Fall First-Year Students:

Admitted first-year applicants who are seeking a change of major should attend a group Change of Major Information Session to learn more about the degree. To sign up for a meeting, please complete [change of major meeting request form](#).

Virtual “Change of Major” Information Session Dates for 2024:

- September 26, 11:00 a.m.
- October 31, 11:00 a.m.
- November 4, 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Session Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MSEchangeofmajor>

MSE adheres to the Institute’s [Change of Major policies](#), but has implemented academic advising protocols to ensure that this important decision is in the student’s best interest and provides the foundation for a successful career. According to Institute policies, newly admitted students in their first term of enrollment cannot receive approval for a change of major request until after the deadline for withdrawal with a W grade. Change of major requests submitted after this date are processed at the end of the term and approved changes become effective for the next term of enrollment.

For additional information and FAQs regarding change of major, please refer to: [Change of Major info](#)

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MSE Undergraduate Minor

Quick Facts

The School of Materials Science and Engineering offers an undergraduate minor in Materials Science and Engineering for non-MSE majors. Materials are the enabling basis for almost all other engineering and scientific disciplines. The purpose of this minor is to broaden the materials background of non-materials students and to introduce them to a materials focus approach to problem solving that is different than that provided by their major. Non-MSE undergraduate majors are encouraged to participate in the program provided they have the appropriate prerequisites and approval of their major program academic advisor.

Requirements

The requirements for earning a minor in Materials Science and Engineering is to complete **15 semester hours** of MSE courses, 12 hours of which must be at the 3000 level or above and none of which may be lower than the 2000 level. Many students will be able to complete a considerable portion of this requirement by scheduling some of the required courses as the free electives required by their major.

Application Process

1. Attend a MSE Minor Information Session
2. Seek out advisement for proposed schedule, if necessary
3. Complete minor form via DocuSign (https://registrar.gatech.edu/info/change-minor-form_ds)
4. Add MSE Advisor Name & Email to Minor Form for signature and final processing
5. Add Registrar Office Email to Minor Form for signature and final processing (comments@registrar.gatech.edu)

Course Credits

Students should consult with their primary academic advisor to determine if/how these Materials Science and Engineering courses may apply to degree requirements.

Fall 2024 Information Sessions via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/4r3m62nh>

September 19 12:00-1:00pm

October 17 11:00-11:45am

November 14 11:00-11:45am

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Virtual Academic Appointment via Zoom, link will be provided upon request.

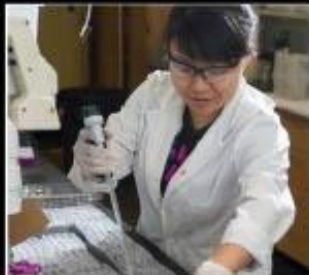
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Director, Advising Operations (Hybrid) - OUE Job ID 277370

The Director of Advising Operations is responsible for the strategic planning and operational management of advising services within the institution. This leadership role involves overseeing the implementation and maintenance of advising initiatives, managing advising technology platforms, and ensuring that advising practices align with the institution's goals for student success. The Director acts as a key advisor to senior leadership on issues related to academic advising, retention, and student progression. Additionally, the Director facilitates cross-departmental collaboration to enhance student support services. This position is responsible for setting employee goals, assessing performance, providing feedback, and making pay recommendations. This position will report to executive leadership, interact with leadership, faculty, and staff, vendors and technology providers, when necessary.

Close Date: 10/16/24

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Academic Advising Manager (Hybrid) - ECE Job ID 277323

Plan and administer the academic advising processes within a college or school. Areas supervised include recruitment, curriculum planning, registration requirements, monitoring student progress and recordkeeping. May include services provided to both undergraduate and graduate students. Responsible for setting employee goals, assessing performance, providing feedback and making pay recommendations. This position will interact on a consistent basis with: faculty, academic advising staff, students, parents. This position typically will advise and counsel: academic advising staff, students, parents. This position will supervise: Academic Advisor staff.

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