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#### **International Education Center**

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# **International Graduate Application for Admission**

#### WELCOME TO GEORGIA COLLEGE

Georgia College (GC) welcomes international applicants. With small class sizes, affordable tuition, a safe campus and excellent facilities, GC is the ideal place to study.

This application is for international applicants who are in or will be applying for F-1 student visa status. If you are a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status, please visit the GC Graduate Admissions Office at **http://www.gcsu.edu/graduate/** for application procedures.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST**

Please follow this checklist carefully and submit ALL required items by the application deadline. The International Education Center must receive items 1 through 8 on this checklist **BEFORE** your application will be evaluated. **Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for admission.** Please send items 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 together in one large envelope. Items 2, 3, and 4 should be sent DIRECTLY from the issuing institution(s) to Georgia College & State University. All application documents submitted become the property of Georgia College.

#### □ 1. Completed and signed application form.

- OFFICIAL (certified or attested) education records in the original language, along with an official (certified or attested) English translation, of ALL college/university level work, including all final examination results. Notarized records will not be accepted.
- □ 3. OFFICIAL TOEFL score sent directly by the Educational Testing Service (the ETS institutional code for GCSU is 5252) or other proof of English language proficiency.
- □ 4. Official graduate test score (GMAT, GRE or MAT) sent directly from the issuing institution.
- 5. Other documents required for the specific program to which you are applying such as letters of recommendation. (Refer to the graduate catalog at www.gcsu.edu/catalog.)
- **G** 6. Completed and signed Declaration of Finances form.
- 7. Original and official bank documents (in English or with a certified English translation) in support of EACH financial funding source listed. Faxed, scanned or photocopied documents cannot be accepted.
- 8. Copy of passport identification page or national identification card.
- 9. (Optional) International Graduate Assistantship Application, together with two letters of recommendation and a letter from the applicant.

#### NOTE ON EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS

GC's International Education Center will review your educational documents and equate your previously completed coursework to U.S. grade equivalencies. Generally, we do not require that you submit documents to an outside professional credential evaluation agency; however, at times, we may advise you to use such an agency if we are unable to determine educational equivalences. Only agencies which are members of NACES (www.naces.org) may be used in these instances.

ALL educational experience must be supported by official documents submitted *directly* from the appropriate issuing institution(s) to Georgia College listing courses taken (with credits/points or hours per course and grades awarded), educational degrees, certificates, and/or awards received. If documents are in a language other than English, they must include an official (certified or attested) English translation. Supporting documentation must bear the original seal or stamp and the signature of an official of the issuing institution.

In rare instances, Georgia College may accept a photocopy of original education documentation provided that the document photocopied is certified with an original seal or stamp AND original signature of:

- a) the issuing institution and a designated official, or
- b) a U.S. Consular or U.S. Educational official outside of the United States.

Certification with a Notary signature is not sufficient.

Georgia College reserves the right to verify all submitted documents with the issuing institution. You may be asked to provide further proof of your educational history if such proof is deemed necessary by GC International Admissions.

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **English Language Proficiency:**

Applicants must document English proficiency in *one* of the following ways:

- 1. **TOEFL** Minimum Scores: 79 (Internet-based), or 550 (paper-based)
  - Request scores be sent directly from ETS (GC School Code 5252): www.ets.org
- 2. **IELTS** Minimum Score: 6.5
  - Request scores be sent directly from IELTS: www.ielts.org
- 3. Other proof of proficiency in the English language as determined by the International Admissions staff

#### GRADUATE EXAM AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Entrance requirements vary by program. Please refer to the specific admission and program requirements in the on-line graduate catalog (catalog.gcsu.edu). Note that some programs also require letters of recommendation, writing portfolios or other documents.

To request GMAT scores, contact Pearson Vue at www.mba.com/mba. The school code varies by program:

> MBA Program: 3TC-NH-78 MMIS Program: 3TC-NH-34 MAac Program: **3TC-NH-83** MSCM Program: 3TC-NH-35

To request **GRE** scores, contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at www.ets.org (GC school code: 5252). To request MAT scores, contact Harcourt Assessment at harcourtassessment.com (GC school code: 2379).

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Applications are evaluated once the file is complete with all supporting documents received. Applicants will be notified of the admission decision after the file is complete. To ensure sufficient time to process the application and to apply for a U.S. visa, students are strongly encouraged to complete the application process as early as possible and well in advance of posted deadlines.

To be considered for admission and for financial assistance, submit your completed application to our office by the recommended submission dates:

Fall Semester (Aug-Dec) ..... April 1 Spring Semester (Jan-May)...... Sept. 1

Applications received after the above dates may need to be deferred to the next available semester.

Note: Some graduate programs may have earlier deadlines. Check program requirements at: gcsu.edu/futurestudents/graduate

#### **GEORGIA WEBMBA PROGRAM**

The Georgia WebMBA program offers professionals living outside the United Sates the opportunity to earn an accredited online MBA degree without interruption of their work and personal lives. International students residing in the U.S. in F-1 visa status are not eligible for this program due to immigration regulation restrictions. WebMBA applicants must submit a letter of intent and documentation of two years work experience and do not need to submit financial documentation. More information

is available at

gcsu.edu/business/graduateprograms/webmba.htm.

#### ASSISTANTSHIPS

Applicants can apply for the International Graduate Assistantship at the time of application. These awards waive a significant amount of the tuition costs. Applicants can also compete for regular Graduate Assistantships, which waive all tuition (excluding fees) and pay a stipend each semester. Students should contact the graduate coordinator of their program about Graduate Assistantship application procedures. Students attending in person programs are eligible for assistantships.

#### FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

All applicants who need to obtain a student (F-1) visa to study in the United States must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to pay for tuition, fees and living expenses while at GC. You must complete, sign, and submit the Declaration of Finances form and provide a bank statement or certificate of balance prepared within the last six months. The bank document should include the name of your sponsor as listed on the Declaration of Finances form. We cannot accept photocopies, scanned copies or faxed copies of bank documents.

#### ACCEPTANCE AND VISA APPLICATION

If you are granted admission to the university, you will be notified first via email. You will later receive an official acceptance package that will include the bank statements you sent to us along with an immigration form called the I-20. You will need to take these documents to the U.S. embassy for your student (F-1) visa interview.

We will send you the acceptance package via regular air mail. If you would like expedited delivery of your documents via UPS, you will need to provide a payment of U.S. \$100 by credit card or check before the documents are mailed. You may also pay for express delivery at a UPS, DHL or FedEx site in your country and arrange for an agent to pick up the package from our office.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the International Education Center with any questions regarding the application process. Applications may be sent to either of the addresses below. We look forward to receiving your application!

Standard Mailing Address: Georgia College International Education Center Campus Box 49 Milledgeville, GA 31061 U.S.A. Tel: 1-478-445-4789 Fax: 1-478-445-2623 Email: intladm@gcsu.edu Web: gcsu.edu/international

Address for Express Packages: Georgia College International Education Center 320 N. Wayne Street Milledgeville, GA 31061-0490 U.S.A.

#### **ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

The GC Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes crime statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred On Campus; in or on certain Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by GC; and on Public Property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, fire safety policies/statistics and other matters. Hard copies are available at the Department of Public Safety, Human Resources, and Office of Admissions. You can have a card copy mailed to you by calling 478-445-3082 or get it on-line at

#### gcsu.edu/publicsafety/annualreport.htm.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE APPL	ICATION   GE	ORGIA COLLEGE	PAGE 4
	Graduate for Ac	onal Student Application dmission	CURRENT PHOTO (optional)
U.S. Social Security Number (if available):			
Name on Passport:		Given/First	Middle
Name you wish to be called:		Place of Birth:	
Country of Citizenship:		(City and Col Country of Residence:	untry)
Are you currently in the United States?			
Complete mailing address to which applica	ation corresponden	ce should be sent (including country):	
Telephone (country code + city code + nur Fax:	nber):		
			ll be primarily through email.)
Alternate E-Mail:			
Permanent Home Country Address:		Street Name and Numbe	r
Town or City	Province	Postal Code	Country
CHECK THE PROGRAM OF STUDY TO	WHICH YOU ARI	E APPLYING:	
<ul> <li>MA Art Therapy</li> <li>MA English</li> <li>MAT Kinesiology/Physical Education</li> <li>MFA Creative Writing</li> <li>MS Biology</li> <li>MS Logistics &amp; Supply Chain Manag (Online)</li> </ul>	n N gement N	MAAC Accountancy MMIS Management Information Systems (Online) MS Health and Human Performance (Online/Hybrid) MMT Master of Music Therapy (Online) WebMBA (Online)	

Have you previously applied to GC?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If so, which term and year?

SEMESTER YOU PLAN TO ENTER	CLASSIFICATION	DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION		
<ul> <li>Fall (August) Year</li> <li>Spring (Jan.) Year</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Freshman (no previous university coursework)</li> <li>Transfer Student</li> <li>Former GC Student</li> <li>Transient (retains enrollment at current university)</li> </ul>	Date of Birth:         Month       Day       Year         Sex:         Male       Female	RACE:       OPTIONAL-FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY         American Indian       Multiracial         Asian/Pacific Islander       Hispanic         Black (not of Hispanic Origin)       Other	

How did you learn about Georgia College?

Current or former GC Student

- □ Study in the USA magazine/website
- GC website
   American Colleges & Universities magazine/website
- U.S. Advising Center in your countryPeterson's guide/website
- Study Georgia website

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Other:\_

#### INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE APPLICATION | GEORGIA COLLEGE

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#### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**Undergraduate applicants** must list **all** high school/secondary school and **all** college/university level work. Use the terminology of the country where the school was located. Do not try to translate or interpret any terms into U.S. terminology or equivalents.

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In Column #1, write in the name and location of the school you attended.

In Column #2, fill in the calendar year(s) that are appropriate for the year(s) you attended and/or received academic or trade training.

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In Column #3, write the kind or type of school Secondary, Preparatory, Gymnasium, Teachers College, Trade School, University, etc.

In Column #4, write the language of instruction used in the majority of your classes at the school.

In Column #5, write the name of any examination(s) you passed or certificate(s) you received at the end of your studies there-such as GCSE or GCE (number of subjects on "O" and "A" levels), Bachillerato, Abitur, Baccalaureat II, Licenziatura, Diplom or whatever is applicable in your case. Include the date. If no degree/diploma was awarded to you for your education/training at that school, write "none."

School (Name and Location) Column #1	Dates of Attendance Column #2	Type of School Column #3	Language of Instruction Column #4	Examination/Certificate Column #5
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Are you currently enrolled at the last institution attended? 🛛 Yes 🖓 No 🛛 If yes, date you will complete studies? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on suspension/dismissal/exclusion from any school? Q Yes Q No

Name and email/mailing address of contact person(s) at previous school(s): \_\_\_\_

#### ENTRANCE TEST INFORMATION

Test Taken or Scheduled to Take	Test Date	Date Official Scores Requested for GC
□ TOEFL		
🗅 GMAT		
GRE GRE		
🗅 MAT		

Other proof of English language proficiency: \_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime in the U.S. other than a traffic offense, or are any criminal charges now pending against you? Yes No Yes No Yes Ano Yes

I understand that any material false statement made knowingly and willfully by me on this application, or any documents attached hereto may, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-10-71, which provides that upon conviction, a person who knowingly commits the offense of false swearing shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both, subject me to prosecution in a court of law. Additionally, I further understand than any such false statement may subject me to immediate dismissal from the institution.

Further, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information submitted on this application is true and complete. I consent to allow representatives of GC to conduct a criminal background check and such other background investigations as the university deems appropriate in evaluating my application as a student at GC. I further understand that upon enrollment, I am expected to become familiar with and abide by the GC Honor Code and the Student Rules and Regulations as set forth in the GC Catalog.

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.3.4, all applicants who are accepted for admission or readmission to Georgia College for Fall, 2011 or any academic semester thereafter, and who seek to be classified as in-state for tuition purposes, will be required to provide validation of residency and lawful presence in both the State of Georgia and the United States. Acceptance to Georgia College is conditional until lawful presence is verified.

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### International Student Graduate Declaration of Finances

**INSTRUCTIONS:** United States immigration regulations require that international students applying for F-1 visas certify sufficient financial support for academic and living expenses while studying in the U.S. Please read carefully the information below and indicate the amount and sources of all support in the table on the next page. Enter amounts in U.S. dollars. You and your sponsor(s) must sign certifying the indicated funds are available. In addition, you must submit the following along with this form:

**Bank Certification Letter/Statement** to verify personal savings and sponsor support. This letter/statement must be issued within six months of submitting your application to GC and must include the following requirements:

- 1. Original bank letterhead with bank's contact information including telephone numbers and address;
- 2. Full name on the account, account number, date account was opened, and date letter was issued;
- 3. Current and average amount of the account;
- 4. Currency, type (savings, checking, etc.) and terms of the account;
- 5. Bank official's printed name and original signature.

We cannot accept photocopied, scanned, or faxed documents, nor those with "whited-out" or altered figures. Applicants with sponsorship from an organization or their home government must submit a letter of sponsorship from the sponsoring institution on official letterhead with the institutions' address, telephone and fax number, and the original signature and title of the responsible officer. The letter should also include your full name, the specific dollar amount, and the duration of the scholarship. After admission, this completed form will be returned to you together with your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20). You will then present the Declaration of Finances and Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) to the U.S. Consulate to request a student visa.

#### Estimated minimum funds needed for the academic year:

**GRADUATE STUDENTS** (Based on 9 hours per semester for on-campus programs)\*

Tuition and Fees	\$21,100	A graduate program of study normally takes two to three
Books and Supplies	1,200	years. The applicant should complete the entire Declaration
Room and Meals	11,060	of Finances form by providing an accurate estimate of
Health Insurance	2,260	support for <b>the entire program of stud</b> y and attach bank
Other Expenses	1,430	documentation for at least one year's worth of funding.
Total	<b>\$37,050</b> per year	

\*All expenses listed above are estimates only and are subject to increases each year. Students electing to take 12 hours per semester will need to budget an additional \$3,100 per semester.

#### Please note:

**Tuition & Fees:** All students (both U.S. and International) who are not permanent residents of the State of Georgia pay a higher tuition rate. International Graduate Assistantship recipients will not be charged the out-of-state tuition fees and will be charged *approximately* \$7,300 per year in tuition and fees. International Graduate Assistantships are only available for students in on-campus graduate programs.

Other Expenses: Vacations/break expenses, personal items, local transportation, etc., are included in this amount.

Additional Expenses for Summer: The estimates above are for expenses for fall and spring semesters ONLY (a nine-month academic year). Graduate students who plan to attend Summer semester should estimate an ADDITIONAL \$9,000 per year.

**Additional expenses for spouse:** \$500 per month or \$6,000 per 12-month year. **Additional expenses for each child:** \$500 per month or \$6,000 per 12-month year.

When budgeting expenses, please also take into consideration transportation costs to the U.S., sources and availability of emergency funds while in the U.S., and any government imposed restrictions on the release of funds from your country. **Please note that costs for tuition and fees, health insurance, books, room and board are due** *in full* at the *beginning* of each semester.

Name of Applicant:

**DEPENDENTS:** For visa purposes: Do you plan to bring a spouse or child with you to Milledgeville? If yes, please list name(s), relationship to you, country of birth, country of citizenship and date of birth:

NOTE: You need to document additional funding for dependents.

#### SUMMER TERM:

Do you plan to remain in the United States during the summer? 🗆 Yes 🛛 No 🛛 Do you plan to attend summer school? 🗅 Yes 🖓 No

What are the sources and amounts of support available to you during the summer?

Source \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Complete amount of support PER YEAR for each source):

✓ Check all that apply	Sources of Support	Assured Support PER YEAR of study
	<b>Personal Savings</b> Name of bank(s):	U.S.\$
	Family or other Sponsor Name of bank(s):	U.S.\$
	Government or Organization Sponsor Name of sponsoring agency:	U.S.\$
	University Award Type of award:	U.S.\$
	Other:	U.S.\$
	TOTAL	U.S.\$

#### OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS

#### FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION

An official, original bank statement or certificate must accompany this form to verify personal savings and sponsor support. If you have a U.S. sponsor who will be providing free room and board, please have the sponsor complete an I-134 Affidavit of Support form, available at www.uscis.gov and enclose it with this form.

#### SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available and will be provided for the applicant as specified. I agree to provide funding for the entire program of study (a minimum of four years for entering freshmen and two years for transfer students). I understand that tuition and living costs are subject to change and will increase each year.

Sponsor's or Parent's Signature		Date			
Sponsor's or Parent's Name (Printed)					
Sponsor's Relationship to Applicant					
Address					
Telephone	Email				

#### STUDENT CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that I have sufficient funds available to cover my educational and living expenses at Georgia College for the entire program of study. I understand that tuition and living costs are subject to change and will increase each year.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_

Date\_

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## International Graduate Assistantship Application Guidelines and Information

Georgia College has designated a portion of its funds to assist International Students who pursue an on-campus graduate degree at GC. The university is pleased to be able to use these funds to award IGAs to qualified and deserving students.

- 1. A student must be regularly admitted to GC and be accepted for regular admission to an on-campus graduate program to be considered for the IGA. A student must also be eligible to work in F-1 visa status from the beginning of the first semester.
- 2. The IGA waives the additional out-of-state tuition fees that must be paid by <u>all</u> students who are not permanent residents of the state of Georgia.
- 3. The IGA will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated academic ability, as well as evidence of extra-curricular involvement, and financial need.
- 4. All award decisions are final. Once awarded, IGAs are renewable for as long as the GC Graduate student remains both academically and civically qualified.
  - To remain academically qualified, the student **must:** a) be a graduate carrying a full academic load of 9 hours per semester (but not more than 15 hours), AND b) maintain a <u>minimum</u> 3.00 grade point average (GPA). Grades will be reviewed each semester.
  - To remain civically qualified, a student **must:** a) participate in the planning and implementation of both the annual International Dinner and the annual International Week, **AND** b) provide educationally beneficial assistance to the schools and administrative offices to internationalize the curriculum, campus, and community.
- 5. Students who are in jeopardy of losing their IGA for <u>either</u> academic or civic reasons will be notified. Students will have one semester to improve their performance and return to good standing before the termination of the IGA.
- 6. IGAs are required to work 10 hours per week while school is in session (as specified by the GC department to which they are assigned) for the duration of the IGA.
- 7. The IGA will remain in effect for one full year (including summer semester, if desired) as long as the student remains academically and civically qualified to continue receiving it. A request for renewal of the IGA must be made in April each year.
- 8. To be considered for the IGA, students must return the following items by the application deadline when they submit their Graduate Application for Admission:
  - a) An accurately completed IGA application form, AND
  - b) A letter written by the applicant explaining how their own special abilities, interests, and experience will contribute to the process of internationalization of the curriculum, campus, and/or the community, AND
  - c) Letters of recommendation from two persons familiar with the applicant's previous experience.
- 9. If a student is awarded an IGA and is unable to enroll at GC during the semester originally indicated, the student must re-apply for the award.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Because of the large number of students applying for the International Graduate Assistantship, and the limited number which Georgia College is able to award, **you should NOT depend on this funding when filling out your Declaration of Finances!** If you are admitted to GCSU AND are awarded the International Graduate Assistantship, you will be notified by letter and your I-20 will reflect the amount of the award.

### GEORGIA COLLEGE International Graduate Assistantship Application

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you wish to apply for the International Graduate Assistantship, please complete all 3 parts of this form, sign it, and return it with your application for admission. Please remember to include all supporting documentation with this application when you return it. Information and guidelines for recipients of the International Graduate Assistantship are on page 8 of the application packet. Please read the guidelines and information BEFORE applying for this scholarship. *If you do not wish to be considered for this scholarship, please indicate so by signing the space provided at the bottom of this page.* 

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:			
Family	/last	First/given	Middle
Mailing Address:			
5 _	Street or PO Box	City, State, Postal Code	Country
Date of Birth:	Program of Study	(Major):	
	Month/date/year		

### PART II: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- A) A letter written by you, the applicant, explaining how your own special abilities, interests, and experience will contribute to the process of internationalization of the curriculum, campus, and/or the community.
- B) Each application for the International Graduate Assistantship must be supported by two letters of recommendation from people who have observed your abilities.

Please print the name(s) of individual(s) writing a letter of recommendation to support your application for the International Graduate Assistantship in the following spaces:

Recommendation #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation #2: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART III: APPLICANT'S ATTESTATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, DO ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION AND ACCEPT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE International Graduate Assistantship. Further, all of the information provided by me is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I will abide by the stated rules and regulations if awarded the scholarship. I request that my application for the International Graduate Assistantship be considered prior to my arrival at Georgia College.

Applicant's signature

Applicant's printed name

Date

I **do not** wish to apply for the International Graduate Assistantship at this time.

Applicant's signature

Applicant's printed name

Date

# RETURN THIS FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO:

Georgia College International Education Center Campus Box 49 Milledgeville, GA 31061-0490 U.S.A.