FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Georgia Tech Graduate Physics Program

ALL APPLICANTS

1. The GRE Physics Test is REQUIRED for PhD students and official scores must be sent directly from ETS. If you have not taken it by January of the year in which you seek Fall admission, then your application will not be reviewed. The minimum score for the GRE Physics Test is 640, but we do show some flexibility for special cases.

2. Official transcripts are required with the application.

3. If you have not graduated, please send us a transcript which shows the courses you are taking in the Spring term.

4. Review of applications occurs during February. Decision emails are sent out in mid-March.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

1. Apply to the PhD program – not the MS Program. In this country almost all students directly enter a PhD program after earning their BS degree. PhD students are given a Teaching Assistantship and tuition is not charged. MS students are given no financial support and must pay full tuition.

2. We expect students to spend a year at Georgia Tech before teaming with a professor. This arrangement gives students the time to learn about each professor’s research.

3. The TOEFL minimum is 106 and official scores must be sent directly from ETS. Occasionally, offers are made to students with scores in the 100-105 range. We never go any lower. If your score is less than 100, please retake the TOEFL exam and raise your score. This will help improve your odds at all of the graduate programs to which you apply.

4. The IELTS test CANNOT be substituted for the TOEFL test.

5. Official transcripts and, if applicable, Degree Certification documents are required and must be in English.