

# THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

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# THE GEORGIA TECH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION

- 4,703 F & J international students, out of 21,000 total students at Georgia Tech
- 1,014 international scholars
- 1,188 F-1 on OPT/STEM OPT
- Top countries from which we welcome international students: China, India, South Korea, France, Taiwan, Iran, Turkey, and 113 others\*

\*Data on this slide is from the 2015-2016 academic year and is located at <https://oie.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/reports/GTWide%20Report%202015-16.pdf>

# PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AT GEORGIA TECH (1)

## Offices:

- **The Center for Career Discovery and Development (C2D2)**
  - Co-ops, internships, general career services, career fair
- **The Center for Academic Success (CAS)**
  - Supports undergraduate students' academic goals
- **The Center for Teaching and Learning (CETL)**
  - Preparing future faculty, Resources for UG and Grad teaching assistants
- **Communication Center**
  - Services for UG and Grads: Resume/CV writing, professional and peer tutoring services for writing and communication in all subject areas (written, oral, visual, electronic, and nonverbal communication)

# PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AT GEORGIA TECH (2)

## Individual Academic Programs

- Georgia Tech has six colleges and 28 schools
  - Business, Computing, Design, Engineering, Liberal Arts, & Sciences
    - Career/Professional Services are interwoven into each college

# PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AT GEORGIA TECH (3)

## Start-ups/Incubators

- Create-X
- VentureLab
- Startup Exchange
- ATDC: Technology Business Incubator
- And more...

# FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

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<b>F-1 OPT Workshops</b>	Jan. 26, 11am-12pm Feb. 16, 11am-12pm	Mar. 14, 2-3pm Savant 308
	Jan. 31, 1-2pm Feb. 23, 11am-12pm	<b>F-1 CPT Workshops</b> Mar. 30, 11am-12pm Savant 308
<b>J-1 Employment Options</b>	Jan. 26, 3-4pm Feb. 7, 10-11am	Mar. 13, 12-1pm Apr. 13, 10-11am Savant 308
Feb. 8 Student Center Peachtree Room	3:30-5pm	<b>Understanding Academic Honesty at Georgia Tech*</b>
<b>Intercultural Communication Tips for U.S. Academia and Industry*</b>	Feb. 20 Student Center Peachtree Room	12:30-2pm
<b>GT International Alumni Panel: Job Discussion</b>	March 16 Student Center Theater	7-8:30 pm
Date & Location To Be Determined	<b>The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration Sponsorship in the U.S.: Informational Presentation with Immigration Lawyer</b>	









For Series updates, visit [https://oie.gatech.edu/professional\\_development](https://oie.gatech.edu/professional_development)

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<b>F-1 OPT Workshops</b>	For F-1 students who are interested in working off-campus before and after earning their degree using Optional Practical Training (OPT).	
	For F-1 students who are interested in working off-campus before earning their degree using Curricular Practical Training (CPT).	<b>F-1 CPT Workshops</b>
<b>J-1 Employment Options</b>	Learn about your J-1 employment authorization options, such as Academic Training. There will also be a brief explanation of the 212(e), 2-year home residency requirement, and how it impacts future employment options after J-1 status.	
<b>Understanding Academic Honesty at Georgia Tech</b>	Attend this workshop hosted by the Communication Center and OIE to learn how to identify and avoid plagiarism in the U.S. academic setting. *RSVP Required; see website.	
Join the Communication Center and OIE for a workshop about effective intercultural interaction in the academic and professional settings. *RSVP Required; see website.	<b>Intercultural Communication Tips for U.S. Academia and Industry</b>	
<b>GT International Alumni Panel: Job Discussion</b>	Meet a panel of Georgia Tech alumni who are former international students. These alumni will give an informal discussion of how they navigated U.S. hiring cycles and workplace culture. There will be a Q&A session at the end. Co-hosted by SAA and OIE.	
Presentation covering employment and family-based pathways for temporary and permanent visas in the U.S. including H-1B work visas and avenues for legal permanent residency in the U.S. This session will be led by an immigration lawyer.	<b>The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration Sponsorship in the U.S.: Informational Presentation with Immigration Lawyer</b>	



# WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

- The intersection of a student's immigration status and their academics/career goals
- Cultural background & norms
- Language
- Cost and expectations:
  - In the words of an undergraduate student from Jamaica, “International students have so much more to lose than Americans. That’s why we work so hard.”

**DAN BEAUDRY, AUTHOR OF *POWER TIES: THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S GUIDE TO FINDING A JOB IN THE UNITED STATES.***



(Georgia Tech, September 2016)



# SPECIFIC ISSUES TO TARGET

- Entrepreneurship
- Negotiations with employers – don't just involve salary; can involve visa sponsorship
  - Students ask, “which employers hire internationals?”
- Networking and “small talk” – American-style
- Written style – resume, cover letter
- How to search for a job in the competitive U.S. job market?
  - Informational interviewing, networking

# NUTS & BOLTS OF IMMIGRATION SPONSORSHIP IN THE U.S.: DISCUSSION WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY



(Georgia Tech, November 2016)

**WHAT ARE SOME GAPS IN  
CAREER/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS? WHAT ARE SOME  
CHALLENGES WITH FILLING THOSE GAPS?**

(In general, or at your past/current institution?)



# QUESTIONS? (ADVICE?)

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