

# Grad Co-op NewsFlash

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## ❖ Be a "Cool Student" on the NEW DoPP Blog!

The Division of Professional Practice (DoPP) has launched a new blog (check it out at [www.georgiatechdopp.wordpress.com](http://www.georgiatechdopp.wordpress.com)). We need students to send us their stories for the "Our Cool Students" section of the blog. We're looking for short write-ups (less than 300 words) that highlight a unique, humorous, inspiring or enlightening moment that you had during your co-op, internship or work abroad experience. If you have a picture from your job, please send us that as well. Submissions can be sent to Ann Blasick at [ann.blasick@dopp.gatech.edu](mailto:ann.blasick@dopp.gatech.edu). **Deadline: November 6, 2009.**

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## 1) No More Orientations This Term – How Do I Apply for Grad Co-op?

The Division of Professional Practice at Georgia Tech offers mandatory Grad Co-op orientations each semester for graduate students wanting to participate in experiential learning opportunities. Unfortunately, there are no more scheduled this semester. Don't worry – there will be plenty of sessions available next semester.

If you want to get activated as a grad co-op prior to next semester, send an e-mail requesting activation to [ken.little@dopp.gatech.edu](mailto:ken.little@dopp.gatech.edu). Please include your student number in the request. If you prefer, take advantage of our Open Office hours. Grad Co-op Open Office hours are listed below under item 10.

## 2) Application Process for Spring 2010 Grad Co-op/Internships

Graduate internships can be approved for full-time or part-time positions related to your major. Once approved, students will receive a permit to enroll in a no-fee/no-tuition based audit course. COOP 6012 is assigned to all grad co-ops working full-time. Part-time graduate co-op courses are available for three, six, or nine audit hours and relate to the number of hours you work each week.

To register your spring graduate internship, students must provide a written offer letter and a signed approval from their academic adviser to the Graduate Co-op Office prior to January 8, 2010. The course requires students to work a minimum of 16 weeks for the spring semester. Recommended work dates are January 11 – May 14, 2010.

### What if I am on an F-1 visa?

Graduate Co-op/internships in the U.S. count as Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and must be processed through the Office of International Education (OIE). Offer letters must include specific work locations and dates that will be recorded on an updated I-20. After students receive approval from their academic adviser and complete paperwork with the Grad Co-op Office, it takes an additional five (5) business days for students to receive updated I-20 forms from OIE. F-1 students may not start their work assignments prior to receiving the updated I-20 form.

## 3) Permits for Previously Approved Grad Co-op Course

If you previously received approval to continue a fall work assignment through the spring and have not already received a permit to register, send an e-mail requesting a permit to [ken.little@dopp.gatech.edu](mailto:ken.little@dopp.gatech.edu). Please include your student number in the request.

## 4) IAESTE – Technical Internships in 40 Countries

### IAESTE Internship Program

The IAESTE Internship program places university students into paid technical internship opportunities in over **40 countries** within the IAESTE international network. Internships are usually 8 to 12 weeks in length during the summer, but programs can be extended for up to 1 year.

**Applications for the 2010 cycle are now being accepted.** To be eligible to apply for an IAESTE internship, students must be enrolled in a technical field of study (engineering, science, technology, mathematics, architecture, etc.) at a

U.S. university, be between the ages of 19 and 30, have at least sophomore level standing, and be a member of IAESTE United States. Language skills are not required, but are preferred. Graduate students and non-U.S. citizens are also encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is **January 11, 2010**. To learn more about the program or to apply, go to <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/international-programs/internship/index.htm>

### IAESTE United States Student Membership

Student membership in IAESTE United States is available for any student studying in a technical field at a U.S. university. IAESTE United States members receive a number of benefits, including:

- Access to IAESTE's internship placement program and other international program opportunities
- Invitations to our U.S. and international leadership conferences
- Networking opportunities with potential employers

For the 2009-2010 academic year, the cost of an IAESTE United States student membership is \$25 and can be purchased online. To learn more about student memberships and to become an IAESTE United States member, go to <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/us-students/become.htm>

## **5) Honeywell Career Panel Nov 5th as Part of Nobel Laureate Event**

Georgia Tech is partnering with Honeywell to bring a Nobel Laureate to campus next week. Key portions of the event that are open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni are outlined below. Grad students seeking co-op/internship assignments may be especially interested in Thursday's Honeywell Career Panel.

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: "Science, Society, & Sustainability" at the Ferst Center – Main Lecture

The recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry will visit Georgia Tech to give a lecture that explores how our modern world is shaped by Science, Engineering and Technology. He will also discuss how the Internet is a major new communications technology that we must exploit to educate people on a global

scale in the rational attitudes to decision-making, which are now crucial to our survival.

3:00 – 4:00 PM: “Road to Nobel” at Student Services 117 – Hear from the Laureate on how he got to where he is today

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

1:30 – 2:30 PM: “**Honeywell Career Panel**” at Student Services 117 – Learn about job opportunities with Honeywell

## **6) Important Dates for Spring**

10/28 - 11/10 **Early Registration (Phase I)** for Spring Semester 2010.  
(Registration ends November 10th, 11:59 pm ET)

1/8/2010 **Graduate Co-op Office Deadline** for Spring Grad Co-op Approvals

1/6 – 1/15/2010 **Late Registration (Phase II)** and schedule changes for Spring Semester 2010 (drop courses without a "W" grade).

## **7) Co-op Course Audit Grade “V” Explained**

Each semester students ask about the “V” grade and what credit is awarded for the Grad Co-op courses. Although the “V” looks unusual on a transcript, it is the appropriate grade for satisfactory completion of any co-op work assignment.

According to the Registrar, “V” is for “Audit (No academic achievement implied).” Students enrolled in any co-op course receive audit hours to maintain their full-time student status. The courses carry no credit for attempted hours; they do not count toward g.p.a. calculations, and they require no tuition or fees to be paid.

## **8) OIE Offers a Workshop on U.S. Taxes to International Students**

- Do I have to pay U.S. taxes?
- What forms do I fill out and when?
- What forms do I receive and when?
- When do I pay taxes?

- Do I get a tax treaty?
- How can I get help filing taxes?

If you are asking yourself these questions, come to the Understanding U.S. Taxes workshop. This will tell you what to expect for tax season. You can come to the workshop whether you are a new student in the U.S. or have been here for some time.

Location: Student Center Theater

Time: Monday November 2nd, 2pm.

### **9) U.S. R&D Spending Flat Lining, Report Warns**

Overall, U.S. R&D as a proportion of GDP has stayed fairly flat at a little above 2.5 percent for the past decade, the American Association for the Advancement of Science makes clear in a new report. In contrast, Japan and South Korea each devotes about 3.5 percent to R&D. "In the private sector and in the public sector, our lunch is being eaten," Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.) told a Capitol Hill briefing sponsored by AAAS this week. Holt's was a lonely voice on the House floor last summer pressing for more money for research in the Waxman-Markey energy and climate bill.

### **10) Graduate Co-op Advisement and Open Office Hours**

The Division of Professional Practice offers the graduate cooperative education program for any graduate student enrolled at Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus. Co-op or internship assignments are with one employer per semester; assignments can be full-time or part-time and must be related to your program of study.

Appointments can be scheduled with Ken Little any weekday afternoon and are highly recommended. Additionally, Graduate Co-op will have OPEN OFFICE HOURS four mornings a week:

Mondays & Wednesdays

Ken Little from 10:00 AM - 12:00PM

Tuesdays & Fridays

Patty Bazrod from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Appointment Scheduling Instructions:

Appointments are scheduled via software called P2D2.

## 11) CETL: Remaining Graduate Student Professional Development Workshops

Georgia Tech's Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) offers

Graduate Student Professional Development Workshops related to teaching and the academic job search. Only one workshop remains this semester. Please register if you plan to attend.

*Academic Job Search Preparation Seminar:  
Academic Interviewing Basics – Wed. Nov 4, 2009  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Piedmont Room, Student Center*

To register for this workshop, please visit:

<http://www.cetl.gatech.edu/students/workshops/index.php>

CETL also hosts the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Journal Club. This journal club is open to faculty and graduate students who are "future" faculty and meets three times a semester.

For more information or to join the mailing list for this journal club, email: [tris.utschig@cetl.gatech.edu](mailto:tris.utschig@cetl.gatech.edu)

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