A true education isn’t just about earning a degree—it’s about self-discovery and cultivating an intellectual identity. The Center for Academic Enrichment (CAE) fosters growth by giving students the opportunity to engage with one another and faculty in research and innovation programs, academic seminars, fellowships, campus-wide reading programs, discussion groups, living-learning communities, and other events in which they can share ideas, explore possibilities, and take initiative. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to make the most of your academic experience at Tech.

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First-Year Seminar (GT 1000)

GT 1000 is a one-credit, discussion-based seminar offered both fall and spring semesters. Faculty and administrators teach the course, and upperclass peer mentors, known as Team Leaders, assist in facilitating small group interactions. Through the course, students make connections with faculty, administrators, and fellow students while developing interpersonal and academic skills critical to their success at Tech.

ThinkBig Living-Learning Community

A living-learning program, ThinkBig invites students to join a residence hall community centered around topics of interest to them. Participating students meet informally once a week with a designated faculty leader, and twice monthly each community has an event related to its topic. Events may consist of outings, guest speakers, and hands-on activities, with students helping to mold program content. Co-sponsored by the Center for Academic Enrichment and the Department of Housing-Residence Life, ThinkBig brings exciting knowledge and experiences to students through fun and engaging interaction with peers and professors, away from the formality of a classroom.

This We Believe/Open Forum

All Tech students are invited to submit essays about their core beliefs for the biannual This We Believe Essay Contest at Georgia Tech.

The This We Believe Speaker Series takes place every other week. During these sessions, one speaker shares a brief essay or speech about a core belief in his or her life and then joins the audience for small group discussions about the speech. Faculty, staff, and students from across campus receive invitations to share a This We Believe speech.

Open Forum meets every other week for a one-hour session of topical, thoughtful, intellectual discussion. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) & Student Innovation

Undergraduate students who participate in UROP expand and apply knowledge in their major or a related field by conducting research one-on-one with a faculty advisor, in interdisciplinary teams, or in centers of study. Research opportunities are available in all six colleges at Georgia Tech, at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), and through off-campus programs. UROP also assists students in finding practical applications for their research and innovation to help solve problems and make a better world.

Two programs specifically for undergraduates are:
- Research Option — a thesis-based degree designation offering in-depth research experience culminating in the production of a thesis.
- InVenture Prize — a high-profile faculty-organized competition that provides incentives, resources, and structure for undergraduate student innovation and entrepreneurship.

For more information on research and innovation, visit www.urop.gatech.edu.

Clough Lounge

The Center for Academic Enrichment invites students to visit Clough Lounge in Suite 205, near Starbucks. Take a break between classes and engage in conversation or attend regularly scheduled events such as This We Believe and Open Forum.

Fellowships Office

The Fellowships Office helps students identify and apply for nationally competitive awards, such as Fulbright, Goldwater, Rhodes, and many more. These merit-based awards provide funding assistance for undergraduate and graduate study, research in the U.S. and abroad, and other educational enrichment opportunities.

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Project One

Project One (#P1GT) gives the entire incoming class an opportunity to work together to create a large, community-driven project that involves faculty, staff, and upperclass students and exemplifies the interdisciplinary and creative nature of a Georgia Tech education. The online component is unveiled in early summer and the project continues throughout the year. Project One is incorporated into English and GT 1000 classes.

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