Education Assistance Info Session: Applying TAP & STRAP

For Staff and Faculty

Fall 2025



Before We Get Started



This session will be recorded



A PDF of the presentation will be shared with attendees



Please use the Q&A for any questions

We will follow-up on any unanswered questions



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- 03 Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program (STRAP)
- 04 Tax Implications and Updates
- 05 Application Status and Updates
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Education Assistance Programs





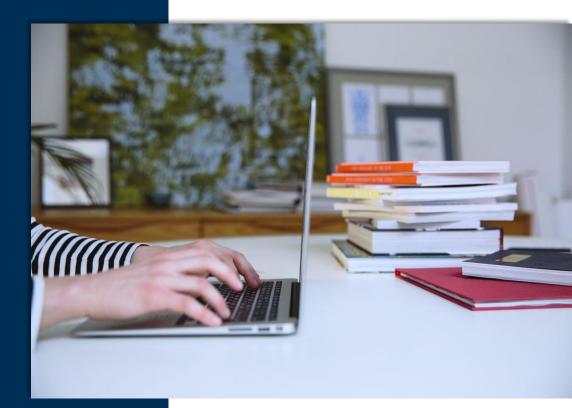
Education Assistance Programs

University System of Georgia (USG) Programs

• Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Georgia Tech Programs

- Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program
 (STRAP)
- Georgia Tech Applied Research Corp
 (GTARC) Program
- GTRI Supplemental Tuition Assistance Program (STP)





TAP & STRAP Comparison of Programs

	Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program (STRAP)	
Employment Requirement	Any benefit eligible staff or faculty (exempt and non-exempt), employed in a full-time (100%) benefit eligible position for six (6) months or greater within a USG institution by the application deadline	Any benefit eligible staff (exempt and non- exempt), employed in a full-time (100%) benefit eligible position for twelve (12) months or greater within Georgia Tech by the application deadline	
Eligible Colleges/Institutions	Any USG institution (Click here to see the full list of USG Institutions)	Non-USG accredited institution or college	
Credit Limits	Up to 9 credit hours per semester	Up to 6 credit hours per semester * depending upon funding *	
Grade Requirements	"C" or better	"C" or better	
Assistance Method	Tuition payment waiver applied up front	Reimbursement received after term up to the GT reimbursement rate	
Eligible Programs	Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's, Doctorate degree or Academic Certificate program (see exclusions list)	Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's, Doctorate degree or Academic Certificate program (see exclusions list)	

Educational Assistance Program Exclusions

- Medical/Veterinary degree
- Law degree
- Dental degree
- Pharmacy degree
- Theology (for STRAP)
- Continuing education courses
- Certificate courses that do not include a letter grade and credit hours
- Out-of-state fees (TAP)
- Student fees (for STRAP)
- * Executive Total Cost Programs: these programs are typically cohort structured and there is one set fee for the program, not per credit hour. (Georgia Tech includes <u>Executive</u> MBA and <u>Executive Master's</u> in International Logistics & Supply Chain Strategy)

Check with a TAP Coordinator at your USG institutions for specific program questions



Educational Assistance Academic Certifications

Academic Certificate Programs are programs that provide students with **academic credit and a letter grade.**

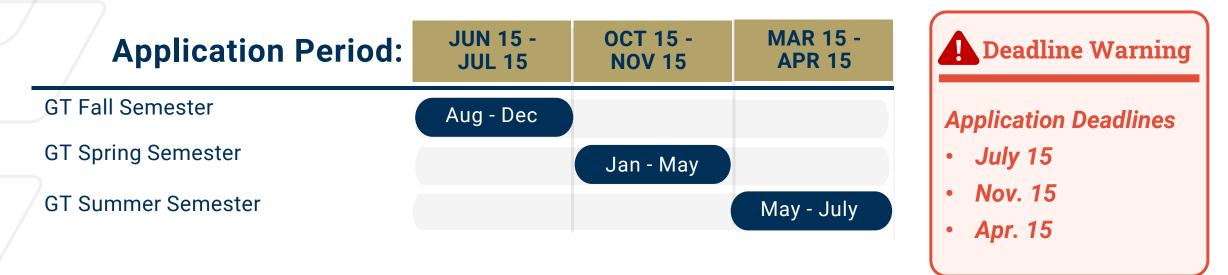
Professional certifications or continuing education certifications that <u>do not</u> provide an academic credit and a grade <u>are not</u> eligible for TAP.

- TAP Participants should check with TAP Coordinators at the USG institution that they are attending to verify TAP eligibility
- STRAP Participants and employees enrolled in TAP at Georgia Tech should contact:

Administrative Services Center at (404) 385-1111 or submit a Request Help ticket at asc.gatech.edu



Educational Assistance Application Deadlines



For TAP and STRAP Participants

When the 15th is on a Saturday or holiday, applications are due on the business day prior. Applications submitted and approved after the deadline will not be accepted.

For STRAP Participants only

You must fill out a STRAP application based <u>on Georgia Tech</u> semester dates. *Example*: If your school has a "Winter" term that begins in January, then you will need to fill out a Spring STRAP application because that "Winter" term falls within GT Spring Semester dates.



TAP/STRAP: Reminders

Prerequisites

- Must go through regular student admissions process and be accepted to the school prior to applying for TAP
- Must receive a student ID prior to TAP and STRAP application

<u>Reminders</u>

- A new TAP/STRAP application must be submitted for each semester that you wish to participate in
- One TAP/STRAP application is permitted for the institution you will attend each semester
- Application courses are required to match final transcript. Any updates to transcript needs be made within 30 days of classes starting.
- You will receive an approval letter via email through ServiceNow
- Late applications are not accepted

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This email is to confirm receipt of your Summer/Maymester 2024 TAP application. Your application is currently being reviewed for consideration into the program.

Make sure you register for classes according to the dates that have been designated by your teaching institution. The <u>TAP USG Employee Registration Dates</u> are found on the USG website. Each USG institution has a different registration period. If you register for classes before the start of the registration period for your teaching institution your TAP tuition waiver will not be applied.

Prior Semester TAP Participants:

If you participated in TAP last semester, your grades will be reviewed to confirm you've met the passing grade criteria (i.e., "C" or above). If you meet these criteria, the TAP wavier will be applied and you will receive a notification of the approval.

For more information, please see the TAP Policy which can be found on the USG website.

If you have any further questions, feel free to reply to this case.

Best of luck this semester!



USG: Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)





TAP Application Process

Application courses are required to match final transcript. Any updates to transcript needs be made within 30 days of classes starting.

Current Semester Pending **Register for** Submit TAP **Ends & Confirmation** Manager Approval **Eligibility Review** Attend the Classes **Application** (Automatic (Contingent approval of Grades Next (During the TAP (Confirmation of notifications sent to letter sent) (TAP waiver applied to Semester! registration period) Receipt sent) managers for account by payment approval) deadline) **Eligibility Requirements** ✓ Employment Status: no upcoming termination, FMLA, LOA, or Paternity Leave ✓ Must be <u>active</u> during Eligibility Review, Registering for classes, and Confirmation of Grades ✓ Application is reassigned to <u>teaching institution</u> for review ✓ <u>Grades</u> from previous semester were a "C" or greater ✓ Enrollment Status: no withdrawals from prior semester courses that results in a "W" on your transcript.

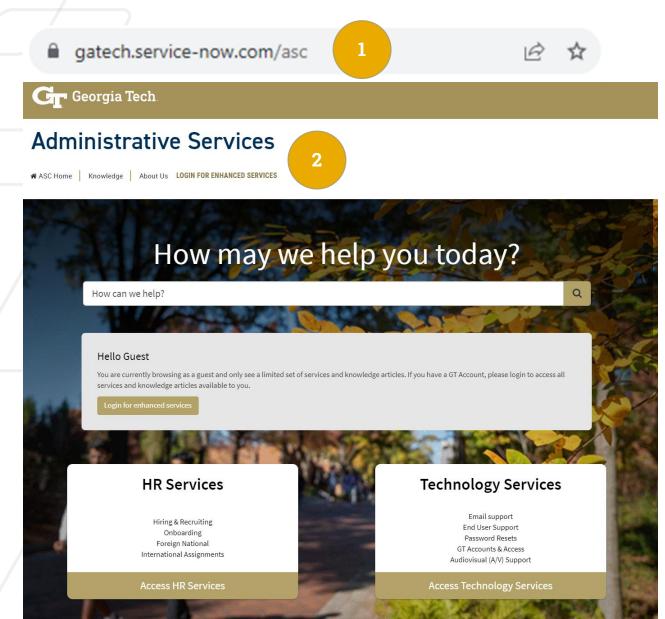
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		 Georgia Institute of Technology 	May 5 - 16, 2025	May 12, 2025	
		Georgia Southern University	April 15, 2025	May 19,, 2025	
		Georgia Southwestern State University	April 9. 2205	Maymester May 12, 2025 Summer June 9, 2025	
		Georgia State University	April 21, 2025	Three-Week Calendar May 12, 2025 Seven-Week Calendar June 9. 2025 First-Half Calendar June 9. 2025	

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<u>View USG TAP registration dates here</u>

Navigating the Administrative Services Portal

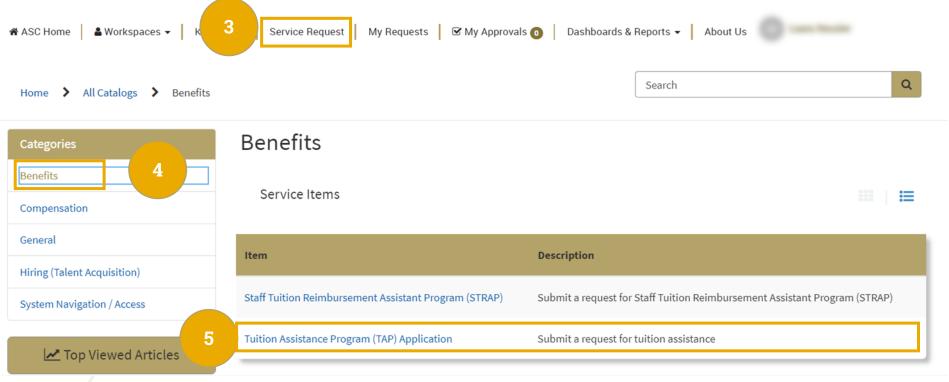


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Locating the TAP Application

Administrative Services



- 3. Select Service Request
- 4. Select **Benefits** from the Categories
- 5. Select Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application

Reminder: You will only see the TAP and STRAP application in your portal when the application period is open

Eligibility Warning

If you have not maintained a full-time, benefit eligible status for six months or greater within the University System of Georgia (USG) by the application deadline, **you will receive an error.**



Completing the TAP Application

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application

Submit a request for tuition assistance

Complete this application with required approval signatures and submit by the required deadline to the TAP Coordinator at the Home Institution.

Application Deadlines: Spring- November 15; Summer & May semester- April 15; Fall- July 15

Submit one application per semester up to 30 days prior to the application deadline for program consideration. If the deadline is on a holiday or weekend, the business day prior then applies. Tuition Assistance waives tuition for up to 9 academic credit hours per semester and applicable student fees for courses at a USG institution.

Program Exclusions: Employees may not enroll in certain programs or courses, including: dental, law, medical, pharmacy, veterinary, or executive total cost programs, workshops, seminars, continuing education courses, management development programs, special examinations, or private consultant refresher courses to take examinations.

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Completing the School Program Information

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	* Are you a prior TAP participant?
* Are you eligible for a grant, scholarship, or additional Financial Aid? If so, please list	Select one 12 🔹
11	*Are you a current TAP participant?
	Select one 13 🔹

- 6. Select the **USG institution** you are attending *Note:* You must already be accepted into the institution
- 7. Select the upcoming Academic Term

Choose from Drop-Down			
Spring			
Fall			
Summer			

- Enter your Student ID; if you are attending:
 - GT = auto-populates with your GTID
 - Other USG School = enter your student ID at the teaching institution
- Enter the **type of program** you are enrolled in
- 10. Enter your **Program / Area of Study**
- 11. Indicate if you are eligible for additional Financial Assistance
- 12. Indicate if you are a prior TAP Participant

13. Indicate if you are a current TAP Participant

• If you select yes on both #12 & #13, indicate the School, Term, and Year (Example: GT Spring 2025) in the additional field



Completing the Course Information

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GT: Staff Tuition Reimbursement Program (STRAP)



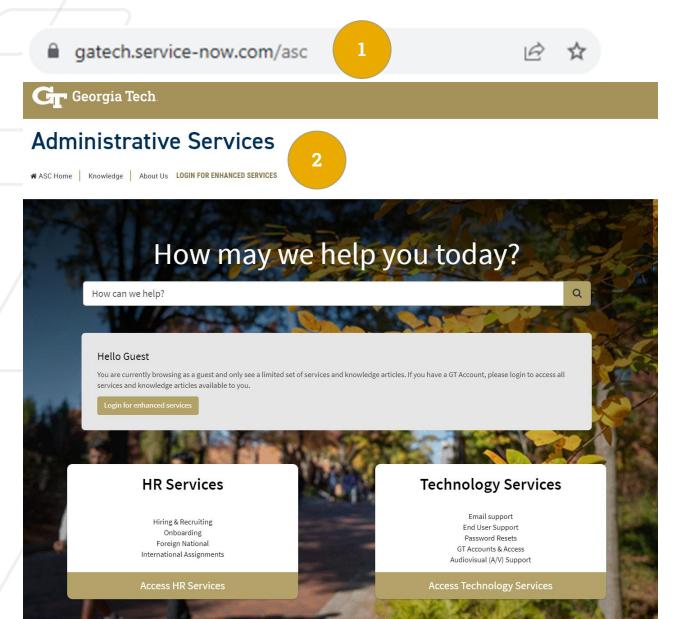


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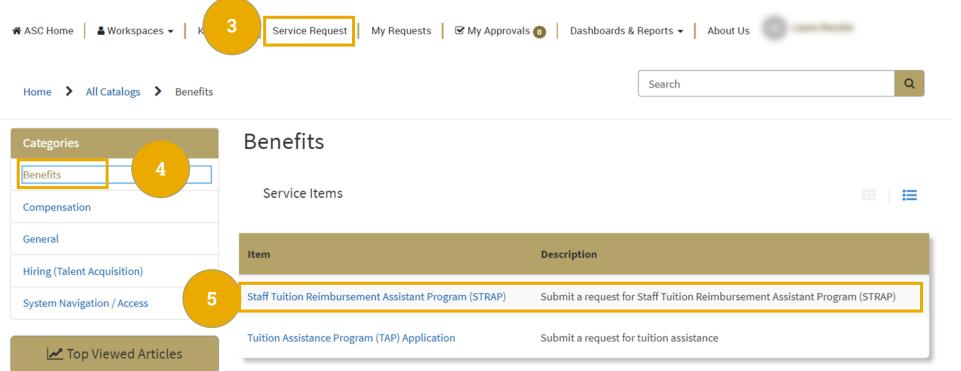


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Locating the STRAP Application

Administrative Services



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Reminder: You will only see the TAP and STRAP application in your portal during the application period

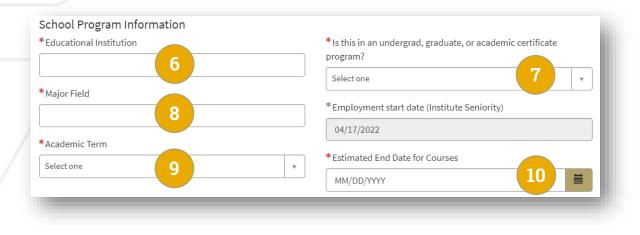


Competing the STRAP Application

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Competing the School Program Information



- 6. Enter the **accredited non-USG institution** you are attending **Note:** You must already be accepted into the institution
- 7. Enter the **program** you are enrolled in
- 8. Enter your Major Field
- 9. Select the upcoming Academic Term

	Choose from Drop-Down
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10. Enter your estimated end date for courses

When you approach the end of your coursework, submit an expense report to request reimbursement for your courses

***Reminder:** You must fill out a STRAP application based on <u>Georgia Tech</u> semester dates. Example: If your school has a "Winter" term that begins in January, then you will need to fill out a Spring STRAP application because that "Winter" term falls within GT Spring Semester dates (January-May).

Completing the Course Information

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- 14. Enter your **Credit Hours**
- 15. Enter Tuition Cost
- 16. Review Automated Estimated Reimbursement Eligibility Table Summary



STRAP Reminders: Reimbursement Process

- Create an expense report via Workday. Be sure to have:
 - Official/original transcript
 - Copy of paid tuition statement (must include name, term, and amount paid with a zero balance)
 - Worktag (Can be found on the STRAP Approval Letter)
 - Class names and dates that's on your STRAP application should match the information on your transcript.
 - STRAP reimbursement requests should be submitted upon the completion of your course. The requests will not be processed more than three times annually per participant.

Reimbursement rates are:

- Undergraduate: \$203.00/credit hour
- Graduate: \$287.00/credit hour

Full reimbursement instructions can be found in your STRAP APPROVAL LETTER

* STRAP funding is determined on a first submitted and approved basis.



Tax Implications





TAX Waiver Eligibility Guide

To be eligible for a tax waiver, certain IRS requirements must be met.

The course MUST:

• Be related to the employee's current job, maintain or improve current job skills.

The course MUST NOT:

- Include courses to work toward an advanced degree **REQUIRED** to retain the current job or pay level.
- Be **REQUIRED** to meet the minimum education requirements of the employee's current job.
- Qualify the employee for a new trade, business or new role.

Reminder: Tax waiver questions are based on your current position



Tax Implications

If you are taking a graduate program <u>and</u> you will exceed tuition benefits over \$5,250 annually, you are subject to tax reporting.

- Select "Yes" to the tax wavier question to apply for a Graduate Student Tax Wavier
- Select "No" if this does not apply to you

* Graduate educational assistance over \$5,250 is subject to tax reporting except under certain circumstances. If you're taking graduate level courses, and will pay more than \$5,250 and want to apply for a Graduate Student Tax Waiver, click "yes".

Yes

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) graduate students applying for a tuition benefits tax waiver for amounts in excess of the annual IRS taxfree educational benefit of \$5,250 need to complete the following additional fields. Additional information is available on the USG website at https://benefits.usg.edu/work-life/tuition-assistance-program.

I request that the graduate level courses identified in the course list below be excluded from my gross income based on each of my answers below:

The above fields must be entered before you enter course information. When you confirm that the above fields are complete, you will see additional fields below and the fields above will be made read-only. If you need to change the information above, simply uncheck the option here, but please note that if the selection is unchecked, you will have to re-enter the information below including course details.

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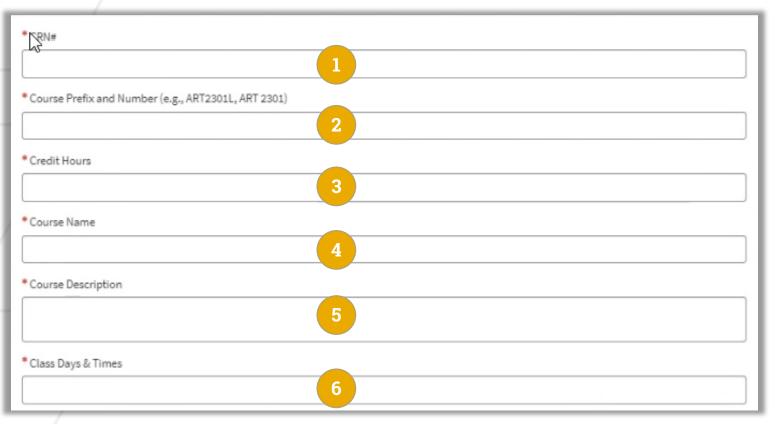
Consult your tax professional if you have questions.



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Completing the Tax Wavier and Course Information

If you select "Yes" or "No" to Tax Wavier



- 1. Enter the CRN#
- 2. Enter the Course Prefix and Number
- 3. Enter the Credit Hours
- 4. Enter the Course Name
- 5. Enter the **Course Description**
- 6. Enter Class Days and Times



Completing Remaining Fields of Tax Waiver

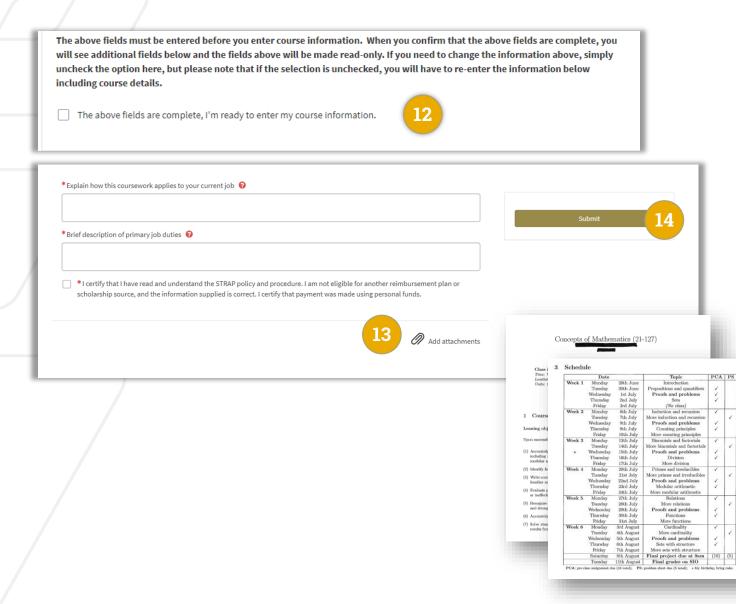
Only applicable if you selected "Yes" for the Tax Waiver



- 7. Select if this course **helps improve** your ability to **perform current** job duties
- 8. Select if this **course is required** by my employer for my **current position**
- 9. Select if the **course is required** for a **promotion or salary increase**
- 10. Select if the course is **to qualify for a new trade, business, or new role**
- 11. Provide a **brief description** of the coursework and how it will help support your current job duties



Completing Attestation, Attachments and Submit



- **12. Attest** that the information you filled out is accurate and truthful; be sure to read the whole message
- 13. Attach your course syllabus to the request (STRAP)
 This is required for your manager to review your request.

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14. Click "Submit"

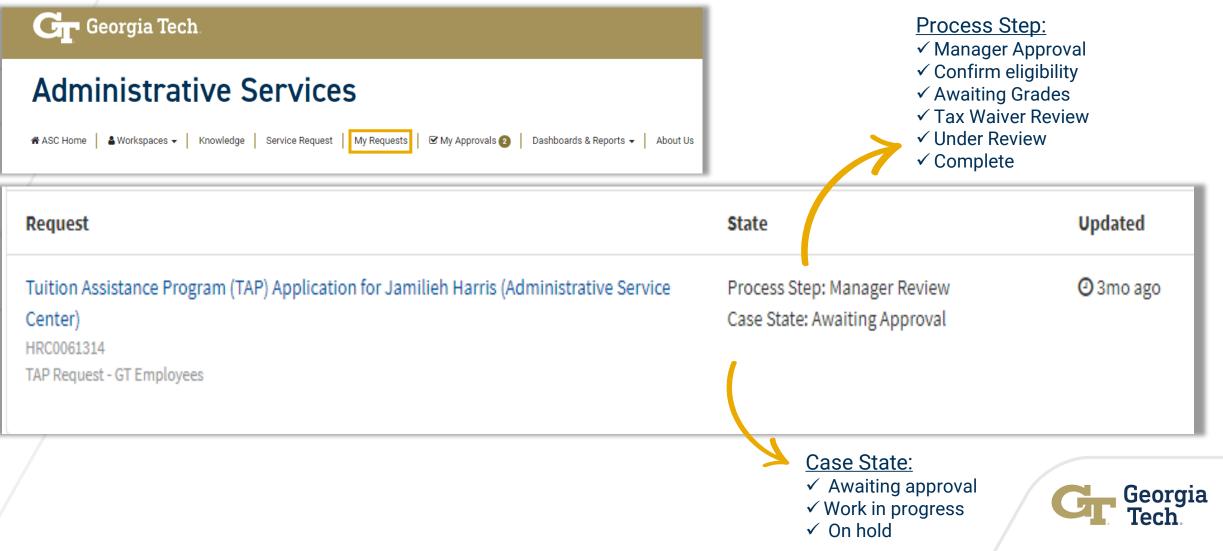
Application Status Update





Checking Your Application Status

Shows current progress within the application process:



Communicating with Tuition Assistant Program Team

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* You have 30 days to submit changes to your coursework (CRN, Course Name, Course Number, Credit Hours).

If you need to make changes or contact the Georgia Tech Tuition Program Team, please leave a comment on your application.

Leave a comment on your case!



GTRI Supplemental Programs





Georgia Tech Applied Research Corp (GTARC)

- Available to GTRI Research Faculty (only) who do not qualify for TAP/STRAP
 - (Example: Research Engineer, Scientist, Associate I through Principal Research Engineer)
- Reimburses up to \$15,000 per calendar year for tuition and fees at an accredited institution
- Degree must be job-related
- Eligibility occurs for RF (.75 FTE or greater) on day one of GTRI employment
- Must obtain a grade of "C" or better and submit documentation for reimbursement

Contacts for GTRI's Education Assistance Program

Crystal Hannah (Database Administrator) at Crystal. Hannah@gtri.gatech.edu

Sarah Cockrell (Director, Employee Development & Culture) at <u>Sarah.Cockrell@gtri.gatech.edu</u>.



GTRI Supplemental Tuition (STP) Assistance Program

- Available to GTRI Operations Staff and Research Faculty
- Reimburses the difference between total eligible expenses and what TAP or STRAP or GTARC covered
- Employee must participate in TAP or STRAP or GTARC and also apply for STP during preapproval
- A two-year work commitment & repayment agreement applies
- Must obtain a grade of "C" or better to remain eligible for reimbursement

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GTRI Resources

- GTRI employee Education Assistance Website: <u>https://webwise.gtri.gatech.edu/departments/shrp/education-assistance</u>
- GTRI EA Infographic:

https://webwise.gatech.edu/system/files/2023_Education%20Assistance%20Infogra phic_1027%20%28updated%29.pdf

 Register to attend the GTRI Info Session <u>https://gtri.sabacloud.com/Saba/Web_spf/NA7P1PRD132/common/ledetail</u> /TMD_EAIS_001



Reminders, Resources and Questions





Contact Us



Contact the Administrative Services Center (ASC)

- Phone: (404) 385-1111
- Submit a Request: General HR Request
- Leave a comment on your HR case

Gr Georgia Tech

TAP/STRAP Applicants

Contact the Tuition Program Team at Georgia Tech

• Leave a comment on your application in the Administrative Services portal



Contact the TAP Coordinator at your Teaching Institution

 Look up contact information on USG Board of Regents

Top 5 Things To Remember

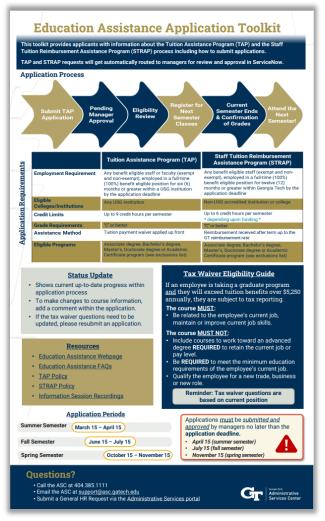


- 1. You must apply and be accepted into the University prior to applying to TAP/STRAP.
- 2. Submit applications through the <u>Administrative Services portal</u> during the application period.
- 3. Turn it in on time. Late applications are not accepted.
- 4. Your supervisor(s) must approve the application before the deadline.
- 5. You should register for classes prior to receiving the approval letter.



Resources

Click here to download a PDF of the TAP and STRAP Flyer



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Educational Assistance Contact & Resources Information

Education Assistance

Education Assistance FAQ | Human Resources (gatech.edu)

Administrative Services (TAP & STRAP)

Administrative Service Center at (404) 385-1111 or submit a Request Help ticket at here

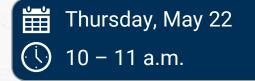
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- USG Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
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- Tuition Reimbursement Programs (STRAP)
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- Tuition Assistance Program Policy
 <u>HRAP Employee Continuing Education TAP (usg.edu)</u>
- USG TAP Policy, TAP Coordinators, and Registration Periods
 <u>http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/tuition_assistance_program</u>
- Georgia Tech Academic Calendar
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Education Assistance: TAP and STRAP (fall 2025 semester)

Education Assistance Info Session: Applying for TAP and STRAP

These virtual sessions will provide employees with information about the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program (STRAP) including eligibility, important deadlines, and how to apply.



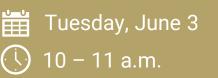


Scan the QR code to register.



Education Assistance: Approving TAP and STRAP (for managers and supervisors)

These virtual sessions will provide managers with information about the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program (STRAP) process including how to approve applications in ServiceNow.



Thursday, June 52 - 3 p.m.



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