

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI-STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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A new collaboration between International Ambassadors at Georgia Tech (GTIA) and Student Alumni Association (SAA)

International students make up **9%** of the undergraduate and **42%** of the graduate student population.

This is the **first student-run initiative** aimed at the professional development and advancement of international students.



The journey...

GTIA is helping with the formation of an international wing of SAA's current mentorship program, which will bring academic/professional advising and advice on navigating the industry as international students under one roof, thereby reducing confusion and increasing inclusivity.

The road ahead...

- Find international mentors in fields uncommon for international students.
- Develop resources for domestic mentors to help them better understand the challenges faced by current students.
- Launch of the international alumni mentorship program in the 2019-2020 academic cycle.

A word from the collaborators...

International alumni mentorship is a great tool to help international students adjust to the American university system, expand their professional network, and find success at Georgia Tech. GTIA fully supports this initiative!

-Jacob Bruhn, President, GTIA

SAA's Mentor Jackets Program has been successful in helping students navigate their career interests and build networks. This provides international students a unique opportunity to learn about the US work culture that their networks back home may not be able to advise. We look forward to having more international students and alumni benefit from the program.

-Jingwei Xei, President, SAA

Student opinions...

There is a current dearth of mentorship opportunities at Georgia Tech for international students in both STEM and non-STEM programs. Launching such an initiative can definitely suffice this gap and enable such students to gain an upper hand in a multitude of ways- receiving professional advice, searching for potential jobs and making cross-cultural connections.

-Adyasha Mohanti, 5th year Aerospace Engineering

One of the major obstacles that international students face when adjusting to a new environment completely different from the one they're used to is peer guidance in the form of someone who has previously been in their shoes.

- Mrittika Khan, 2nd year Biomedical Engineering