Florida Tech

A Guide for the Graduate Student

Graduate Majors and Programs

Aviation Science, M.S., Ph.D.
Biomedical Engineering, M.S., Ph.D.
Clinical Psychology, Psy.D.
Computer Engineering, M.S., Ph.D.
Computer Science, M.S.
Conservation Technology, M.S.
Earth Remote Sensing, M.S.
Engineering Management, M.S.
Engineering Management, Ph.D.
Environmental Science, M.S.
Environmental Education, M.S.
Environmental Protection Economics, M.S.
Environmental Science, Ph.B.
Environmental Science, Ph.D.
Environmental Science, M.S.
Environmental Science, B.S.
Geology, M.S.
Geology, B.S.
Human-Centered Design, M.S., Ph.D.
Information Assurance & Cybersecurity, M.S.
Information Assurance & Cybersecurity, Ph.D.
Information Science, M.S.
Information Science, M.S., Ph.D.
Information Systems, M.S.
Information Systems, Ph.D.
Information Systems Management, M.S.
International Business, M.B.A.
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A Graduate School Rooted in Research

Florida Institute of Technology is a national, doctoral-granting research university that offers an immersive, hands-on research environment where curiosity is embraced and innovation is championed.

Florida Tech is the ideal graduate school for collaborative research. Students and faculty from interdisciplinary backgrounds work together to enhance the body of knowledge for science, engineering, aerospace, business, humanities, mathematics, psychology, communication, and education.

Core areas of research specialization include:

- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Space commercialization
- Information systems and security
- Planetary science
- Neuroscience
- Autism
- Green chemistry
- Climate change

About Florida Tech

Founded at the dawn of the Space Age, Florida Tech is the only independent, not-for-profit university in the state of Florida focused exclusively on science and technology.

The university was named by Time Magazine’s Education, as it’s Top 25 Small College in 2014. Florida Tech is also named a 2014 Guide “Best College in Florida” in College Educator, in designated TNS One Best National University in U.S. News & World Report, in one of just nine new schools in Florida backed by the 2015 Fiske Guide to College and recognized by Bloomberg Businessweek as the best college return on investment in Florida.

A recent survey by PayScale.com ranked Florida Tech as the top university in Florida for mid-career salary potential. Supported by both industry and the community, Florida Tech is the recipient of many research grants and contracts, a number of which provide financial support for graduate students.

Florida Tech’s attrition business climate is matched only by the natural resources including the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River Lagoon that serve as inspiration for scientific study and research.

How to Apply

Florida Tech's graduate admissions process includes:

- **ONLINE APPLICATION**: Florida Tech uses an online, secure application process that is user-friendly and State-of-the-Art. All new graduate applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Although not required, the GMAT is strongly recommended. Submission of GRE scores for the GMAT is accepted.
- **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**: Official transcripts from all schools attended are required for all students seeking admission.
- **APPLICATION FEES**: There is an application fee of $50 for all graduate applications submitted for admission.

Graduate Application Deadlines

All graduate school applicants are encouraged to submit all necessary documents before the desired starting semester deadline.

Starting semester dates and deadlines for specific programs are as follows:

**SENIOR CITIZEN STATUS**
- Fall, Spring, or Summer

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**
- Fall, Spring, or Summer

**FEDERAL FELLOWSHIP**
- Fall, Spring, or Summer

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**
- Fall, Spring, or Summer

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEADLINES**
- The application and other required materials must be received by:
  - Fall: **November 1**
  - Spring: **February 1**
  - Summer: **April 1**

Financial Assistance for Graduate Students

As a national research university committed to making education affordable while supporting the continued innovation of its masters and doctoral degree candidates, Florida Tech offers scholarships and graduate assistantships to qualified students.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships, both research and teaching, are available for domestic and international students. Awards of graduate assistantships are determined by each department. There are two types of Graduate Student Assistantships (GSA):

- **Teaching Assistant (TA)**: Students are required to teach undergraduate and graduate lecture courses and laboratories. First-time TAs must attend a Teaching Assistant Seminar offered either at the beginning of fall or spring semesters before they are able to teach.
- **Research Assistant (RA)**: Students are required to work with faculty members on scientific and engineering research and are automatically be considered for scholarships. For research assistants, an official Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

International applicants who are interested in applying for a graduate assistantship are required to have:

- 3.0 combined GPA
- 120 semester hours
- 600 TOEFL
- 79 IELTS

Students awarded a Florida Tech scholarship and a graduate assistantship may choose between either award. A student cannot receive both.

Graduate Assistantship Requirements

- A graduate assistantship requires an additional application for graduate assistantship and are awarded based on academic excellence, work ethic, and motivation. An applicant can receive one of the following awards:
  - **Fellowship**: For research assistant (RA) or teaching assistant (TA) positions.
  - **Doctoral Graduate Research Assistantship (DGRATS)**
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- **Doctoral Graduate Research Assistantship**: Scholarships are available for graduate research assistantships working toward a Doctoral degree. Main-campus students who are supported by 15 hours or more per week of research or grant sponsored or are on full national fellowships are eligible for the program, which is capped at 40 credits.

- **Graduate Research Assistantships**: Scholarships require no further actions on the part of the student. Students must complete all admissions applications, you will be notified if selected. Scholarships are available to students who are determined by the department. Students awarded a Florida Tech scholarship will not receive a graduate assistantship.

Doctoral Graduate Research Assistantship Tuition Scholarship

Full-tuition scholarships are available for graduate research assistantships working toward a Doctoral degree. Main-campus students who are supported by 15 hours or more per week of research or grant sponsored or are on full national fellowships are eligible for the program, which is capped at 40 credits.

For more information visit, admission.fdot.edu/graduate/admissions/grad-ad.php

Other Forms of Aid

In addition to assistantships, student loans are available. To view the Office of Financial Aid's official website for additional information, applications, and requirements.