



## **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Information Technology Management (ITM)**

### **The ITM area at Georgia Tech's College of Management (COM) seeks Qualified Applicants for their Ph.D. program**

**Have you ever thought about getting a Ph.D.?** A doctoral degree qualifies you to pursue an academic career as a researcher and educator. An academic career provides not only tremendous intellectual freedom, but makes it possible to work with bright people throughout your life. You really can make a difference through the scholarly research you create, and the lives you shape through your teaching. The life style is great, and the pay is good! Frequently, Ph.D. graduates' starting salary range from \$90K to \$150K, depending on placement, which is largely determined by performance in the doctoral program. Thus, it is not surprising that the position of a university professor is frequently ranked as one of the most desirable jobs in the world.

**Why in Information Technology Management?** As an inter-disciplinary area, ITM is both interesting and fun. Faculty and doctoral students are involved in research cutting across a wide spectrum of information technology management issues. The research involves issues at the core of ITM as well as multi-disciplinary topics that interface with other functional areas in management, economics and engineering.

**Why at Georgia Tech?** GT's Ph.D. program is strongly research oriented, and emphasizes the early involvement of our students in research projects with world-class faculty. The Ph.D. program places significant weight on learning outside the classroom. Given the small size of the program, the tutorial-mentor model is the primary educational approach employed. Thus, doctoral students experience significant attention and support from a diverse set of world-class faculty.

At Georgia Tech, the study of ITM is interdisciplinary; providing focus in the areas of technology, management, economics and engineering. The ITM area represents a strong community of active researchers pursuing a wide variety of interests.

Moreover, GT's ITM area has produced top-notch doctoral graduates with exceptional placements. In the past years, our doctoral graduates have taken tenure-track faculty positions at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of British Columbia in Canada, Boston College, and Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Here is what some current PhD students have to say about Georgia Tech's Ph.D. program in ITM:

*"The opportunity to work face-to-face with achieved scholars in the field and supportive fellow doctoral students has been a priceless experience for me. The faculty members in the ITM group have very broad research interests that are highly relevant to managerial needs in business practice. This is a great program for students who want to explore various topics and fulfill their intellectual curiosity. The ITM group at the College of Management will open the doors to both personal and professional development for many students."*

*"ITM is a research oriented program. It allows me to stretch myself further than I ever thought possible. ITM Students have much freedom to explore the research areas that are found interesting. There are many great opportunities for learning as well. On the other hand, the faculty members set high standards for students' research. I have been encouraged to do rigorous research since the beginning of my study in the program."*

*"While there may be many good ITM PhD programs at top universities, I believe the faculty and other students at Georgia Tech make our program distinctive. When evaluating programs, I was able to compare requirements, courses, etc., to see that the Tech program was top notch. However, the close interaction and support from faculty both in ITM and throughout the college have been an unexpected bonus."*

*"There's a strong focus on research. At Georgia Tech COM I was able to pursue projects with faculty and to look for knowledge where it resides. There's a lot of collaboration between students and faculty here. You also*

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*can learn a variety of methodologies from other schools at Georgia Tech, such as the U.S. No. 1 ranked ISyE program.”*

*“The decision to pursue a doctoral degree was based on my desire to challenge the lack of academic examination compared to the boundless problems that ought to be clarified. Right after I started the doctoral program at Georgia Tech College of Management, I knew it was the right step that I had to take to achieve such a professional stature. All factors such as faculty members’ open door policy, highly interdisciplinary environment, strong technological background of school, motivating creative thinking, and state-of-art facilities help me concentrate on my study. The College of Management at Georgia Tech helps you to be fully prepared for building your concrete academic thoughts.”*

*“My decision to join the ITM program in Georgia Tech turned out even better than I had anticipated. The faculty and doctoral students are remarkably attentive and supportive, and the department goes to great lengths to provide abundant resources to facilitate learning and researching. The ITM program gives every student opportunities for individual and professional development. The College of Management is indeed a place where you will get fully prepared for a rigorous and enriching academic career.”*

The COM at Georgia Tech is the home of an NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training program, Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results (TI:GER, see <http://tiger.gatech.edu/>), as well as a U.S. Department of Education funded Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER, see <http://www.ciber.gatech.edu/>). Additional information about Georgia Tech’s COM and its faculty is available at: <http://mgt.gatech.edu/>. The ITM area represents a strong community of active researchers pursuing a diversity of interests (See [http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac\\_research/acad\\_areas/it\\_mgt.html](http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac_research/acad_areas/it_mgt.html) for more information).

**How do I finance the program, and how do I apply?** If admitted to the program, we’ll pay you to go to school to get your degree! Your tuition will be waived, and you’ll receive a stipend, etc. **Application deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> for admission the following fall semester (August 15<sup>th</sup>).** All relevant financial information, including the application package is online at [http://mgt.gatech.edu/programs/phd.html?link=left\\_info\\_for](http://mgt.gatech.edu/programs/phd.html?link=left_info_for)

For more information, see: [http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac\\_research/acad\\_areas/it\\_mgt.html](http://mgt.gatech.edu/fac_research/acad_areas/it_mgt.html) or contact the ITM PhD coordinator, Professor Sandra Slaughter at [sandra.slaughter@mgt.gatech.edu](mailto:sandra.slaughter@mgt.gatech.edu).

**More About Georgia Tech:** Georgia Tech’s College of Management is ranked 34th by U.S. News & World Report, in the top 50 by Business Week, and in the top 25 by Forbes among public schools. The College of Management is housed in a new, state of the art \$55 million facility, which is part of the \$260 million building complex of Technology Square in midtown Atlanta, in addition to Georgia Tech’s Business School, the GT Conference Center and Hotel, the Global Learning Center, the Economic Development Institute, and the Advanced Technology and Development Center (ADTC), one of the leading incubators in the United States.

**The Georgia Institute of Technology** (<http://www.gatech.edu>) is one of the nation’s top research universities, distinguished by its commitment to improving the human condition through advanced science and technology. Georgia Tech’s campus occupies 400 acres in the heart of the city of Atlanta, where more than 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students receive a focused, technologically based education. Georgia Tech consistently ranks among U.S. News & World Report's top ten public universities in the United States. In a world that increasingly turns to technology for solutions, Georgia Tech is using innovative teaching and advanced research to define the technological university of the 21st century.

**About Atlanta:** Atlanta, home to over 4 million people, is the 9th largest metropolitan area in the US, and one of the fastest growing cities. It serves as cultural and economic hub of the southeastern U.S., with world-class shopping, outstanding restaurants, and five professional sports teams. Compared to other large cities, Atlanta offers a lower cost of living and excellent weather. About 120,000 companies have operations here, and Atlanta is 3rd in the list of cities with the most Fortune 500 Headquarters. Atlanta is home to corporate giants like Home Depot, Coca-Cola, CNN, Newell Rubbermaid, UPS, Georgia-Pacific, Equifax, and Delta Air Lines. Atlanta is one of the top 10 places for business and careers (by Forbes) and one of the top 3 U.S. cities for entrepreneurs (Entrepreneur magazine and Dun & Bradstreet). Atlanta’s international airport, the world’s busiest, makes Georgia Tech readily accessible to any part of the world – 80% of the U.S. population is within a two-hour flight. Atlanta is also one of the top 5 U.S. cities for singles (by Forbes), one of the top 40 cities for families (by Child.com), and the #1 city for African-Americans (by Black Enterprise magazine). For more information, see [www.atlanta.net/movinghere/index.asp](http://www.atlanta.net/movinghere/index.asp).

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