

## **Spring 2019 Commencement**

### **Early Participation Policy for**

### **Summer 2019 Degree Candidates**

Undergraduate and graduate (Masters) summer 2019 degree candidates who have two or fewer classes remaining to complete degree requirements after the spring 2019 term will be eligible to request participation in the spring 2019 ceremony. Applicants must be in **GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING** and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for Bachelors, 2.7 for Masters or 3.0 for PhDs. Extenuating personal and family circumstances or issues related to the proximity of the student's home to Atlanta will also be taken into consideration.

Doctoral summer 2019 degree candidates will be handled on a case-by-case basis depending upon when they are cleared by their major schools and the Office of Graduate Studies as having completed all of their degree requirements. Doctoral students must have a 3.0 minimum GPA to participate.

Summer 2019 degree candidates who do not meet these requirements will still have the option to participate in the fall 2019 Commencement ceremony. Information detailing how they can participate in the fall 2019 Commencement ceremony will be sent to all summer degree candidates via their Georgia Tech email account in July.

**Deadline to submit your summer 2019 [Online Application for Graduation](#):** Wednesday, March 6, 2019

**Deadline to submit your request to participate in the spring Commencement ceremony:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The form to request permission to participate in the spring 2019 Commencement ceremony will be available online for all active summer degree candidates that apply for graduation until Wednesday, March 6, 2019 deadline. **Note: The Online Application for summer Graduation (OAG) will close on May 24, 2019. However, students must submit their summer OAG's by March 6, 2019 in order to petition to walk at the spring ceremony.** Candidates who submit their OAG's after March 6, 2019 will have the option to participate in the fall 2019 ceremony.

Due to space constraints, the number of summer degree candidates who can participate will be limited. In the event that we have more applicants than available seats, Registrar's Office staff will review the forms and select which students are allowed to participate based on the extenuating circumstances provided on the request form. Consultation with other offices on campus will occur as needed to ensure that all requests are given full and consistent consideration. Summer degree candidates will be notified via email prior to ticket distribution whether their request will be granted.

- Summer candidates will not be listed in the spring program. Students may request a copy of the Fall 2019 program be mailed to them in December.
- Summer students will not receive honor cords for the spring ceremony.

The Office of the Registrar will process the request forms and communicate directly with the students.