

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Budget-in-Brief

Fiscal Year 2026

Size of operating budget? \$3.24 Billion

NOTE: The “operating budget” is for ongoing operations and excludes major capital items (construction and major renovations) and the budgets of affiliate organizations such as the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Georgia Tech Athletic Association.

Where does the money come from? Five major revenue sources (95% of total):

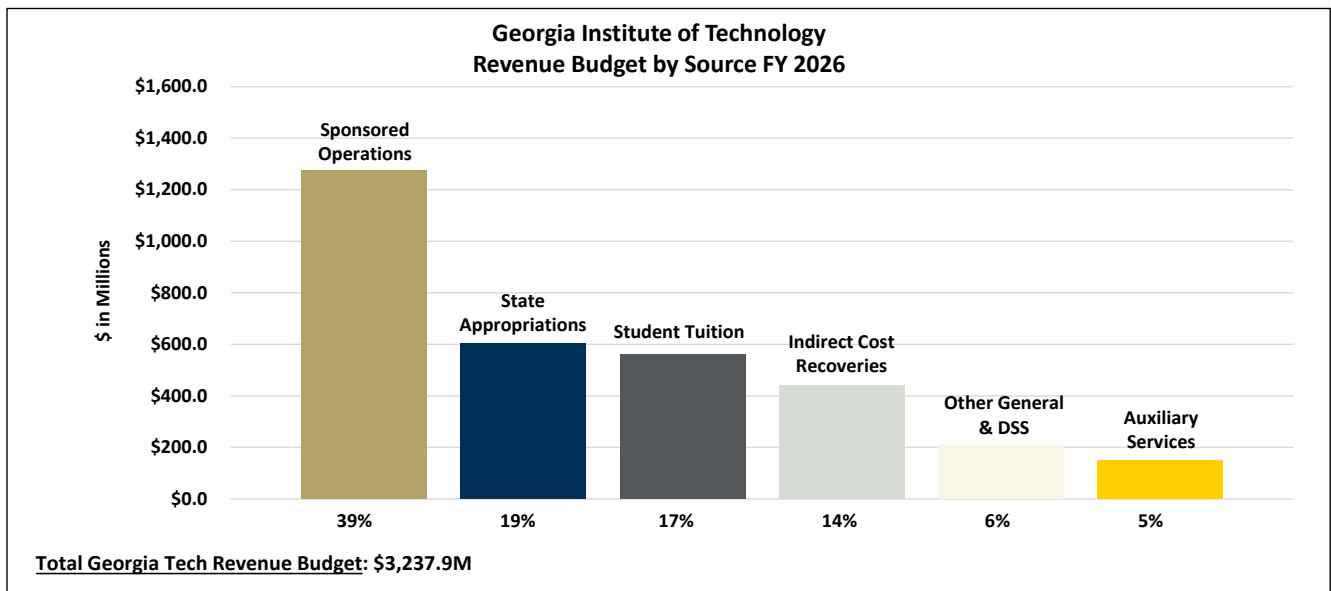
1. Sponsored funding ^(a) (grants and contracts)	\$1,275M	39%
2. State appropriations	\$602M	19%
3. Tuition ^(b)	\$562M	17%
4. Indirect cost recoveries from sponsored funding	\$441M	14%
5. Auxiliary Services ^(c)	\$208M	6%

NOTES:

(a) “Sponsored” includes an estimated \$150 million paid by the GT Foundation to Georgia Tech for scholarships, fellowships, and other purposes.

(b) Tuition components: \$460M “general tuition” + \$37M tuition paid by sponsors + online masters \$58M + \$8M tuition generated by distance education classes.

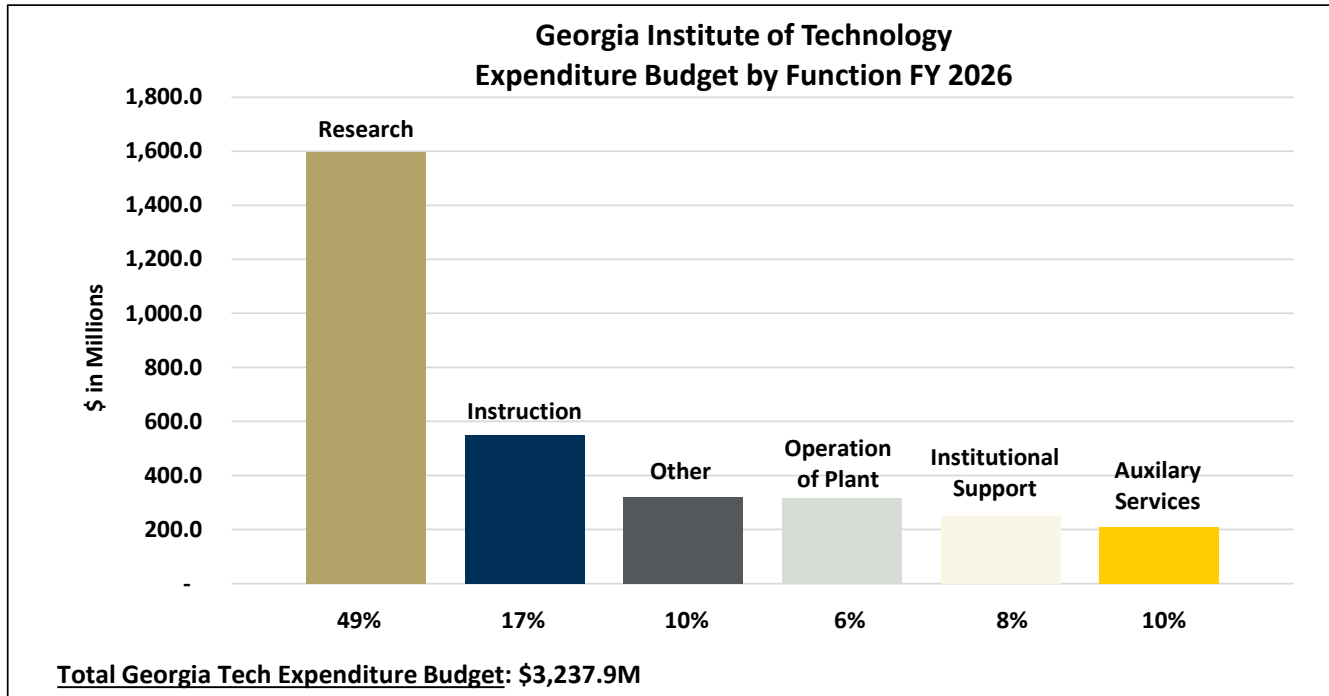
(c) The “Auxiliary Services” category is Georgia Tech’s business-like operations including the following: housing, transportation, parking, dining, student health, bookstore, post office, and retail.



NOTE: Chart excludes affiliate organizations such as GT Foundation, GT Athletic Association, Alumni Association, and GT Research Corporation, but includes funding paid by organizations to Georgia Tech such as sponsored funding for scholarships and faculty chairs.

Where does the money go? Four main uses by program category (82% of total):

• Research	\$1,596M	49%
• Instruction	\$550M	17%
• Operation and Maintenance of Plant (including utilities & leases)	\$315M	10%
• Auxiliary Services	\$208M	6%



How is Georgia Tech's funding determined each year?

State Allocations: Most state funding for higher education appropriated by the General Assembly to the University System of Georgia (USG) is based on a funding formula driven that is principally by student enrollment. The enrollment figures are determined as follows:

- Level of students – lower level (freshmen/sophomores), upper level (juniors/seniors), and graduate
- Students' course of study as assigned to "groups," designed to reflect the assumed cost of educating students (class size, labs required, etc.).

Each January the Governor submits a proposed budget to the Legislature, which includes formula and other funding for the USG. He may or may not recommend full funding of the formula, and the Legislature considers his recommendations as they review the state budget proposal.

The General Assembly approves state funding via the Annual Appropriations Act. These funds are principally intended to cover a portion of state institutions' instructional costs for Georgia residents, with the balance coming from tuition and other sources. The Legislature approves funding for the entire USG, and the BOR then allocates funding to individual institutions. As part of the formula funding, the Governor may recommend and

the Legislature may approve appropriations for pay raises (including cost of living adjustments) and increased fringe benefit costs, such as employee health insurance and retirement.

After the Legislature approves funding for the system via the Annual Appropriations Act, the Governor may veto individual line items, which are subject to override by the General Assembly. Following completion of the final Appropriations Act the Board of Regents (BOR) approves the allocations to individual USG schools.

Besides formula funding, the Legislature earmarks funds for specific programs, such as funding for the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) and the Enterprise Innovation Institute (EI²). Both GTRI and EI² state appropriation budgets were increased in FY 2026 by 6.3% and .7% respectively.

Tuition and Fees: The BOR approves tuition and fee levels for Georgia Tech and other institutions by student classification – graduate, undergraduate, resident, non-resident (domestic), and out-of-country. In FY 2026 the BOR approved tuition rate increases for out-of-state and out-of-country students. At the same time the BOR determines institutions' mandatory fee levels based on recommendations from institutions' presidents. At Georgia Tech the President receives recommendations from the [Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee](#), comprised of eight students and four faculty/staff.

The President approves the elective fees, which are paid by students based on their optional utilization of services and facilities. These fees are then reported to the BOR for posting on their [website](#) along with the approved tuition rates. The BOR approves housing and dining fees and selected other non-mandatory fees, but the president approves most elective student fees including parking, laboratory, application, and other miscellaneous fees.

Other Revenue Generated by Georgia Tech: The balance of Georgia Tech's budget is generated from its own sources, including indirect cost ("overhead") revenue from grants and contracts. Various laws and regulations govern these revenue sources.

What is Georgia Tech's budgeting structure?

Most of Georgia Tech's activities are budgeted in "Resident Instruction," which includes not only instruction, but also, research, public service, facilities, and support functions. In addition to "R.I.," there are separate funds for the following areas:

- Student activities – funded by student fees
- Auxiliary services – funded by fees and other earmarked revenue
- Georgia Tech Research Institute and Enterprise Innovation Institute (GTRI and EI²) – each with earmarked state funding and external sources.

The table below summarizes these major functions:

Georgia Tech Fiscal 2026 Revenue by Major Unit (in millions of dollars)		
Resident Instruction (colleges, facilities O & M, support functions)	1,921.3	59%
Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI)	1,054.7	33%
Enterprise Innovation Institute (EII)	31.7	1%
Student Activities (funded by Student Activity Fees)	21.9	1%
Auxiliary Services (funded by fees for service)	208.3	6%
Total Georgia Tech	3,237.9	100%

What are Georgia Tech’s tuition and fees levels?

Georgia Tech’s tuition and mandatory fee levels per semester for Fiscal 2026 are shown below:

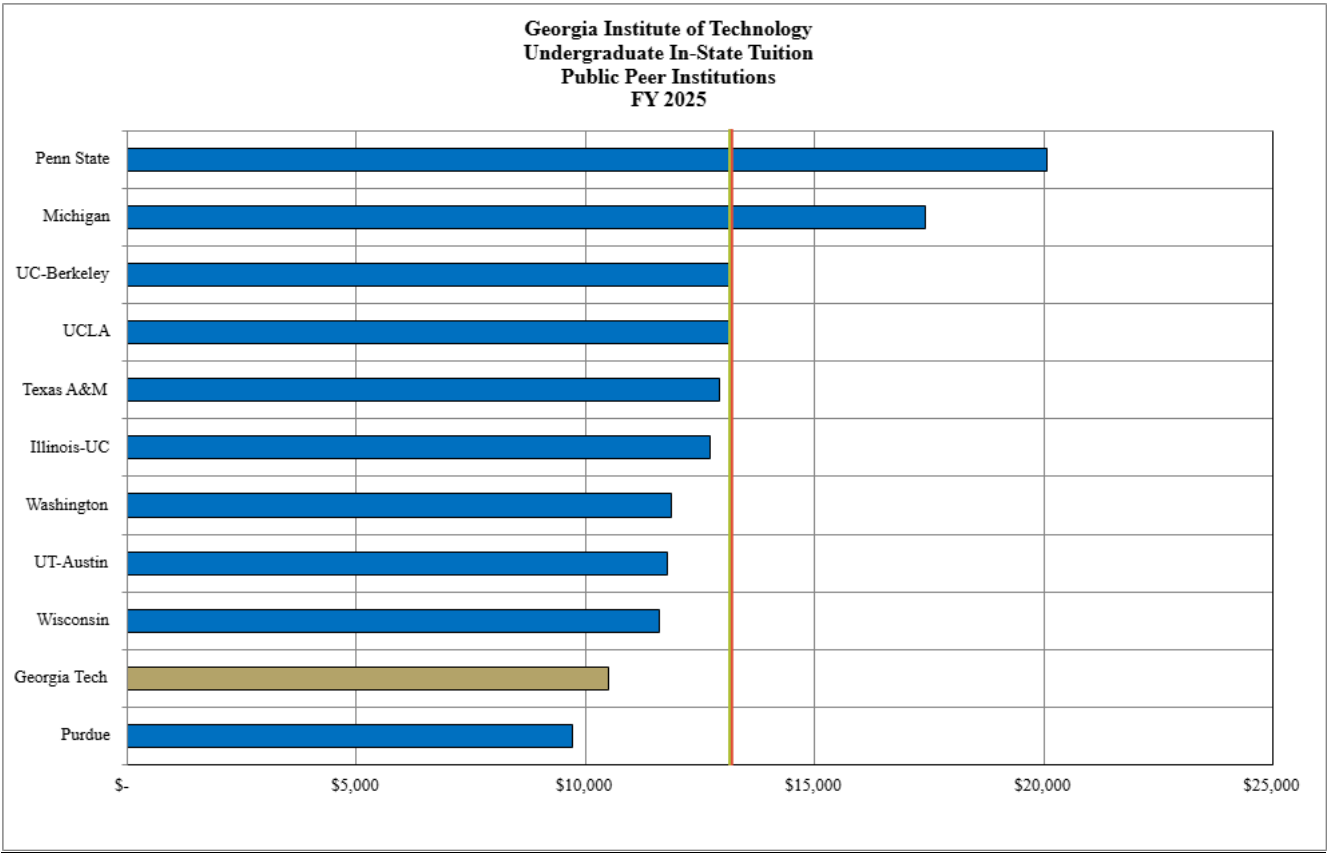
	Undergraduate			Graduate		
	Residents	Non-Residents		Residents	Non-Residents	
	In-State	Out-of-State	Out of Country	In-State	Out-of-State	Out of Country
Full Time Tuition & Fees/Semester						
Tuition	\$5,256	\$16,798	\$17,286	\$7,208	\$15,605	\$16,058
Mandatory Fees (Fall 2024)	\$748	\$748	\$748	\$748	\$748	\$748

These **mandatory fees** are earmarked for specific purposes:

- Activity
- Athletic
- CRC Operations
- Campus Center Facility
- Health
- Recreation Facility
- Student Campus Center Operations
- Technology
- Transportation

See the [Bursar’s Office link](#) for Georgia Tech’s current tuition and fees and an explanation of mandatory fees at this [Budget Office link](#).

Despite recent increases, Georgia Tech’s tuition for undergraduate, resident residents remains lower than many of its peer institutions. The chart below shows that Georgia Tech’s *annual* tuition (two semesters) for undergraduate resident students was well below the weighted average of its public peer schools in Fiscal Year 2025.



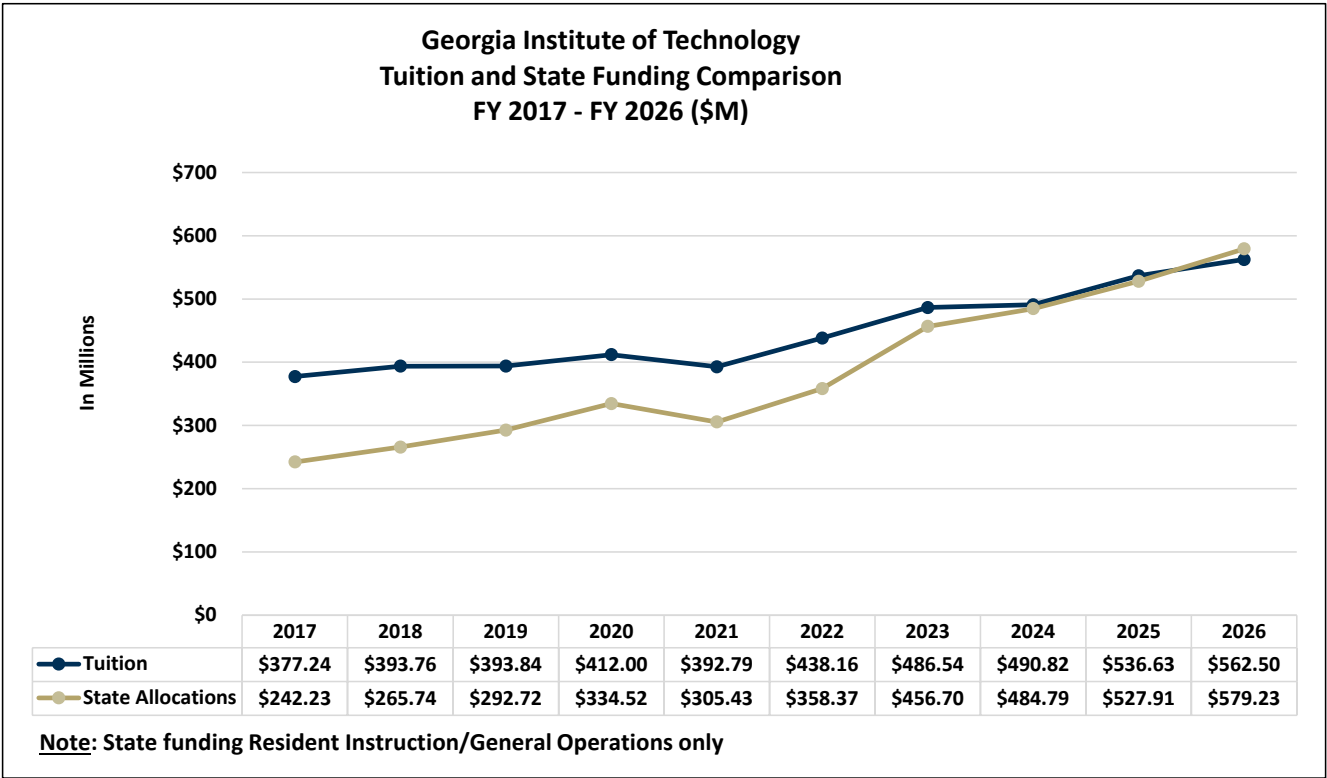
Source: GT Institutional Research and Planning

Elective fees for such services as housing, dining, and parking are based on the use of these services and are not required for all students. Fee schedules for Fiscal 2026 elective fees for all USG institutions are included at the following links:

- [Food Services](#)
- [Housing Rates](#)
- [Miscellaneous Fees](#)
- [E-Tuition Rates](#)

What has been the trend of tuition versus state funding in GT’s Resident Instruction budget?

In Fiscal 2011 tuition revenue exceeded state funding for the first time. This trend, similar to the national trend, has continued since that year when these lines crossed, as shown in the following chart.



The chart below illustrates how the source of funds are used.

