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GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JOINS AAU

The Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) has joined the Association of American Universities (AAU), the association announced today.

The AAU membership approved the invitation to Georgia Tech on April 20 at the association's annual spring meeting in Washington. The invitation was extended to university President G. P. "Bud" Peterson the same day by AAU President Robert M. Berdahl, and Peterson accepted on behalf of the institution.

Berdahl said that the invitation was extended to Georgia Tech following an in-depth review of the university's research and academic programs. "Georgia Tech is an outstanding institution that, like other AAU universities, plays a major role in the nation's research enterprise, as well as in training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and scholars," he said. "Georgia Tech belongs in AAU, and the membership was pleased to issue the invitation."

AAU, which is based in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1900. It develops and promotes national and institutional policies that support research and scholarship, graduate and professional education, undergraduate education, and public service in research universities. Its members are both public and private institutions with especially strong research and academic programs.

The addition of a new member brings the association's membership to 63 institutions. Of that number, 61 are U. S. universities and two are Canadian.

An invitation to join AAU requires approval by three-fourths of the current members. The association considers universities for membership periodically, using a set of factors to assess the caliber of a university's faculty and research and graduate education programs, as well as its undergraduate education programs.

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