



**GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**  
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

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Dear Graduate Student:

The Board of Trustees has approved a 2% increase in tuition for 2018-19; however, there will be no increase in the comprehensive fee. Over the past three years, Georgian Court University has worked to ensure tuition levels remained affordable and below the national rate of inflation.

Your graduate education is an important investment in yourself and your future. When you consider the cost of a GCU education, you should also consider the *value* of that education. Our outcomes indicate a 90% placement rate within a year of graduation. Plus, *Washington Monthly* ranks Georgian Court University in the Top 50 Northeast Schools that are a “Best Bang for the Buck,” a national measurement of how well institutions educate their students at an affordable tuition. The ranking also looks at our strong alumni earnings. (GCU alumni earn 13.75% more income than predicted.)

With recent curricular changes, our academic and student life areas are growing. We welcomed six new faculty members last year and will begin the search for eight new faculty members to join GCU in Fall 2018. Our new Writing Center and Math Lab—both of which are available to graduate students—are busy, and classroom technology upgrades are underway. This is in addition to our new presence at GCU@Hazlet and GCU@Cumberland, plus 13 sites across the state where we offer graduate degrees in education. Our growth is an investment in you, our students, and in the future of Georgian Court.

At GCU, we want you to take advantage of as many experiences as possible, and the University will continue to offer qualified students scholarship opportunities for more savings. In addition, you may apply for federal and state assistance (if desired) by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Remember, the Georgian Court University school code is 002608. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 732-987-2258 or [financialaid@georgian.edu](mailto:financialaid@georgian.edu) with questions.

The administration, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees are committed to being transparent with you, particularly regarding the cost of higher education and the need to keep expenses as low as possible. We are sensitive to these issues and work continuously to streamline University operations, while enhancing academic and student services.

Georgian Court University is committed to making a top-quality, private education experience affordable. Please remember that we are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.  
President