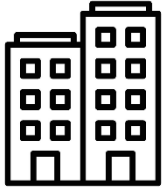


# Adjusting to Atlanta

A Quick-Start Guide with Insights from Senior Graduate Students



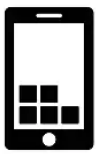
## What should students know when choosing housing?

Explore a variety of housing options, including apartments near campus, Midtown, and nearby residential neighborhoods. When comparing options, consider commute time, transportation access, safety, management responsiveness, amenities, and overall value, as experiences can vary significantly between properties.



## Which communication platform do GMB students use most often?

GroupMe is commonly used for cohort communication, class and project coordination, and connecting with students across different years.



## Which apps do you recommend for new Emory students?

Recommended apps include MARTA (Atlanta public transit), Passio GO! (Emory Shuttle tracking), Waze (navigating Atlanta traffic), EmorySafe (campus safety), and delivery services.

## How do you navigate parking at Emory?

Research parking options early and purchase permits as soon as registration opens, since popular locations can fill quickly. Parking can be expensive, permits must be renewed annually, and different lots vary in convenience and availability.



## What makes a good lab fit?

Most important factors include strong mentorship from the PI, a supportive and positive lab culture, and stable funding. Reaching out to senior GMB students is highly encouraged to navigate lab searching.

## What advice would you give to incoming GMB students as someone further along in the program?

The GMB program is very inclusive and supportive. While research interests matter, prioritize wellbeing and long-term goals. Attend program events, connect with other students, and build your community. When in doubt, reach out to older students—we're always happy to help and share insights!

