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PACE Makes \$208 million Contribution

Georgia Tech has received \$208 million in computer-aided design, manufacturing and engineering equipment from Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education.



President Clough, left, accepts PACE contribution

PACE is a corporate alliance formed in 1999 by General Motors, Electronic Data Systems, Sun Microsystems and UGS Corp. to provide state-of-the-art computer technology that gives students at selected institutions a chance to work on the same programs used in the automotive industry.

"The reason we're offering this is really very simple — we need engineers, but we need them to be educated, talented and well prepared. This is of critical importance to us," said Bob Lutz, chairman of GM North America.

The contributed technology will be used primarily by engineering students and faculty and will include modeling and simulation programs such as Fluent, Unigraphics and MSC Nastran that allow students to design everything from hybrid vehicles or airplanes to biomedical devices. It will be available in select labs across campus, including the new PACE lab in the French Building.

"What PACE brings to us is as much about today as it is about the future." President Wayne Clough said. "This partnership strengthens Tech's relationships with each of these top companies, and in the hands of our students and faculty across many disciplines the contributed technology will strengthen Tech's push to innovate through collaboration."

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