

# The Tempest Foundation for Higher Education

A Guide for New Students

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# About Us

## Our Mission Statement

The Tempest Foundation for Higher Education is devoted to excellence in teaching, learning, and research, and to developing leaders in diverse disciplines who make a difference across the galaxy. The Foundation, which is based in the capital city of Sanctum on the Mag Mel Exile Ship, has a current enrollment of over five thousand, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Tempest Foundation for Higher Education boasts over fifty thousand alumni across the galaxy since its inception a decade ago.

## Our History

The Tempest Foundation for Higher Education was founded in 216 NA by Dictator Patton Steele and Empress Tabitha, with the cooperation of Major Blake Caudley of the Terran Concordia, in response to the persistent need for providing education to the citizens of Sanctum and Mag Mel overall. To this end, the education of the citizenry would lead to a bridge of communication between cultures and motivate them to become more active in their local communities.

In the aftermath of the Starkiller conflict of 217, the Foundation quickly attracted scholars and experts from many varied fields of study. Initially called the “Academy for the Betterment of Mag Mel,” the Foundation was later renamed in 219NA in memoriam of the planet Tempest, which was destroyed during the End Times War.

At the height of the Titan War and the ensuing Titan Virus outbreak that tore through the system, the shining minds of the Tempest Foundation came together with the Mag Mel Emergency Response Team to pioneer fresh and innovative techniques in the field of diagnostic medicine and disease treatment. Through this collaboration of scientific research and traditional medicine, countless lives were saved from the ravages of disease and the field of disease research expanded by leaps and bounds.

Since the conclusion of the war, The Tempest Foundation for Higher Education has continued to foster the best and brightest minds across the galaxy, pushing the boundaries of galactic knowledge and understanding by providing new venues for research, learning, and life-changing experiences across myriad fields of study.

# What To Expect

The Tempest Foundation covers a broad spectrum of curricula across multiple fields. Students and faculty within the Foundation are furthering our understanding of the very stars around us, day by day. Here are some of our ongoing projects, to give prospective students an idea of what they might see in their day to day studies:

In-depth exploration of the Mag Mel Exile Ship's inner workings

Students and faculty on the Sanctum Campus of the Tempest Foundation are currently undergoing preparations to embark on several exploratory missions to both gain a deeper understanding of the Mag Mel Ship and to hopefully bring several critical systems online after a decade spent in the dormant "withering" state.

Research and Development

Partnering with the Mag Mel Defense Force, students and faculty are constantly undertaking new and exciting projects to aid the military in the defense and protection of Mag Mel, whether through weapon design or through coming up with new and innovative techniques in providing health care both on the battlefield and in the civilian sector.

Community Service

Members of the Tempest Foundation for Higher Education are expected to act as exemplars of their community, taking on various tasks across the ship for the betterment of all. Whether this is in the form of providing healthcare to the masses, providing legal aid to the community, providing engineering expertise to help keep the ship running, or simply helping to provide education and understanding where there is none, we expect both our students and faculty to act as paradigms of their fields.

# Advancement in The Foundation

With the Tempest Foundation for Higher Education, improving one's mind doesn't end at graduation! Our post-graduate program is a full-compensation program, where students can pursue a Master's and Doctorate degree in exchange for cross-disciplinarian assistance to serve the communities of Mag Mel and Sanctum. Of further note, enrollment in the post-graduate program puts students on track to be considered for Faculty positions within the Foundation.

## Masters

At the Tempest Foundation, students begin by pursuing their Masters in their respective department. Masters students will have a great deal of work ahead of them but will have the Foundation's resources at their disposal, including research labs, training with experts in their field, and live in-the-field exercises with faculty.

## Doctorate

Students who have stepped up to the Doctorate level of their department will find a more rigorous, hands-on curriculum in which they are also expected to mentor Masters students. Doctorates will also be called upon to test themselves in roles of leadership and completing significant projects in their field, and may apply for research grants to achieve their goals.

## Faculty

At the Tempest Foundation, the Faculty personnel are the bones of the organization; they represent those most dedicated to the Foundation's mission of pursuing knowledge and understanding in the universe. The Faculty of the Foundation will be expected to lead the charge, as it were, in pursuing their department goals and overseeing their Doctorates and Masters, for whom they are directly responsible, particularly in the field.

## Dean

At the head of each department of the Tempest Foundation is a Dean who has achieved the so-called crown of their field; they are both pioneers and scholars, prestigious experts to whom others look for answers. Deans are responsible for managing the Foundation, directing its goals, as well as overseeing the progress and advancement of all faculty and students within their department.

# Departments

## Business, Administration, and Education

Science needs direction, contracts have to be signed, and the lab rats in coats and goggles generally aren't up to the task. (At least, not without slightly off-putting a few business partners.) The School of Business, Administration and Education will prepare you to manage science and education programs at a high level, from translating scientific jargon and contract acquisition to representing and protecting the Foundation's interests on the political stage. Do you love paperwork? Good. Our Student application doesn't fit in a standard suitcase.

## Law

The Tempest Foundation's School of Law provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal system used within Mag Mel, in addition to offering the necessary resources for studying and researching the legal systems of other cultures, legal bodies, and star systems. We offer courses that help students to develop skills which allow them to navigate the ever-evolving field of litigation.

## Medicine

The School of Medicine offers hands-on experience across myriad fields of medicine including disease research and prevention, first-response training and disaster relief, developing and implementing medical equipment, and counselling services for both short-term and long-term trauma. We offer courses regarding the care and upkeep of both physical and mental health; we offer all the resources possible to keep Mag Mel -- and the very universe -- in the best hands.

## Research

The Research Department covers a broad range of fields related to the exploration and deeper understanding of the forces of the universe. While this department's interests are vast and may include endeavors both technological and anthropological, the primary goals of this department are towards investigating the universe's metaphysical entities. With the assistance of the Intergalactic Faith Accord, we have made broad strides towards a deeper understanding of the Phase and the various Entropic forces of the galaxy.

## Science and Engineering

Our Science and Engineering department is not just about exploring the latest technological advances, but uncovering lost innovations from ages past to aid us now and in the future. Alumni of the School of Science and Engineering have gone on to develop life-changing cybernetics as well as galaxy-class military ships for the M3; here, the very universe is at your fingertips, available for you to learn the foundations for crafting your dreams from the ground up. All students within the Tempest Foundation Sanctum Campus are expected to take classes in this department to help round out their education.

# Cooperative Partners

## Mag Mel Emergency Response Team (MERT)

The Tempest Foundation's School of Medicine has had a proud and strong partnership with MERT since the earliest days of the Foundation. Students with the School of Medicine frequently are expected to work hand in hand with the Mag Mel Emergency Response Team to develop valuable skills in the field, getting to practice their craft while providing a critical service to their community.

## Mag Mel Military (M3)

Many of our students choose to volunteer as medics and engineers alongside the Mag Mel Military. We have a stellar research & development department that supplies the military with new and top of the line equipment as well as a cutting edge forensics lab funded in collaboration with the local Sanctum police force.

## Intergalactic Faith Accord (IFA)

While some may suggest the field of science and religion are at odds, the Tempest Foundation and the Intergalactic Faith Accord struck the perfect common ground: metaphysical research. They work hand in hand to investigate the galaxy's more ambiguous and uncertain areas such as Entropy, Creation, and the Phase; together, they will shed the light of understanding upon these entities.

## The Withering

The Withering is a government organization responsible for guiding the transformation of Mag Mel. Our partnership with the Withering allows for a robust internship program in Science, Research, and Engineering, and helps prepare our students for life outside the halls of academia. As a result of funding and support from the Withering, we are able to explore the depths of the transformed Mag Mel.

# OOG Notes

## Joining the Tempest Foundation

There are 5 departments within the Tempest Foundation for Higher Learning. You may join any of these departments. Any choice you make will have you take part in science in some fashion, as there is a strong history of cross discipline training within the Foundation.

**Step 1** - Decide if you want to be a Student or Staff (both Student and Staff positions start at the Masters level). For Students, you are literally a student, you have come to the capital to learn and explore. Because of the robust education support system, Masters and Doctorate level students get paid in Credits the same as any other occupation. Staff (at least at the Masters and Doctorate designation) are generally researchers and others who have come to learn and be part of the university environment but aren't necessarily there as matriculating students.

**Step 2** - Choose one of the five departments:

**Science and Engineering** - For pure Science focus, no immediate ties to other Divisions.

**Research** - Connections with the IFA

**Medicine** - Connections with the M3

**Law** - Connections with the Underworld

**Business, Administration, and Education** - Connections with the MMU and Perpetuum