The Virginia Tech Drone Park helps students become FAA-certified drone pilots by reimbursing the testing fee for undergraduates who complete the Unmanned Aircraft General - Small (UAG) exam with a passing grade.

WHAT’S PART 107?

Part 107 is the set of federal regulations that covers commercial flights of small drones.

If you want to fly a drone under 55 pounds for business, education, or nonprofit work – or fly on or with Virginia Tech property – you need to pass the Unmanned Aircraft General - Small (UAG) exam to earn a Remote Pilot Certificate, or Part 107 Certificate, from the FAA.

The exam covers the regulations contained in Part 107 as well as general aviation principles and skills like interpreting aeronautical charts and weather reports. The exam fee is $175; certification is valid for two years.

WHO QUALIFIES?

To qualify for the grant you must:

- Be a current Virginia Tech undergraduate.
- Email us proof of exam registration and the completed application at least 2 weeks before your exam date.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Begin studying for the Unmanned Aircraft General - Small (UAG) exam.

2. When you’re ready, schedule the test on the FAA Website.

3. Email us your application and registration. You’re approved for this grant when we respond with confirmation.

4. Pass the exam!

5. Email proof of a passing grade, proof of payment, and the reimbursement request form to the VT Drone Park.

6. Get Paid! You can expect reimbursement within 2 weeks of submitting the required forms.

QUESTIONS?

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