Congratulations [Name]!

You have been chosen to join The Grainger College of Engineering family and be part of a world-class university. We know this time in your life is both exciting and sometimes daunting as you search for the right engineering program to guide you on your path to career success while following your individual interests and finding your place in the world. Here, you will have the tools to receive a personalized learning experience through our dedicated faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and 15 majors offered within 12 engineering departments. And that’s just the beginning.

• Take advantage of resources like the Illinois Scholars Undergraduate Research program, which allows first-year students to conduct research in groundbreaking labs, like those affiliated with the Cancer Center at Illinois.
• The Engineering City Scholars Program gives you the chance to intern for a tech company and take classes with our faculty for one semester in Chicago.
• The International Programs in Engineering provide opportunities to study abroad or to develop your intercultural skills without having to leave campus.

From undertaking senior design projects for real clients, to bringing your ideas to life with The Technology Entrepreneurship Center, to getting involved with over a hundred engineering-specific student organizations and groups while making lifelong friends; you are sure to find endless ways to make an impact here at Grainger Engineering and beyond.

We want your experience here to be a positive one. Resources like Engineering Career Services help you make professional connections while the Center for Academic Resources in Engineering provides you with peer tutors to help you with coursework. The Institute for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access offers anti-racism resources with workshops, webinars, blogs, as well as other opportunities that empower Grainger Engineering students to make a positive impact. We also offer access to an engineering-specific, embedded counselor focusing on mental health.

There’s a reason The Grainger College of Engineering is consistently ranked among the top engineering programs in the world. We truly are leaders in engineering education, research, and innovation.

But above all, it is the people who set us apart. When you become a Grainger Engineer, you join a community of students, faculty, and more than 80,000 alumni who founded companies like YouTube, PayPal, Yelp, Tesla Motors, and Cast21. The transistor, integrated circuit, and LED were all born here. Our alumni designed and engineered skyscrapers like Willis Tower and the Burj Khalifa and took space exploration to the next level by successfully landing the Ingenuity Helicopter on Mars.

Make your mark at The Grainger College of Engineering and become a game changer at the forefront of innovation and discovery.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Makela
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs