

A young man with a beard and dark hair is looking down at a 3D printer. The printer is a large, industrial-looking machine with a transparent enclosure. The background is a blurred laboratory or workshop setting with various equipment and cables. The overall color scheme is dominated by dark blues and oranges.

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**MORRILL  
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS





# *We Solve Problems First*

## **Morrill Engineering Program**

The Morrill Engineering Program (MEP) is designed to empower and support African/Black American, Hispanic American, Indigenous American engineering students and leverage a community of students, staff and alumni to help you achieve excellence in engineering.

There is always a place for you in the MEP family. African/Black American, Hispanic American, and Indigenous American students find a tremendous amount of support on their journey as a Grainger Engineer to create a better tomorrow for all.





## We Empower

Grainger Engineering students have an advantage over other engineering students. Our students are go-getters, problem-solvers, and, most importantly, teammates. MEP empowers historically marginalized students through vast resources available here at Grainger Engineering.

## We Enrich

Collaboration is a fundamental aspect of our campus community. MEP works with you, our alumni, and corporations to solve problems, discuss ideas, and find solutions to industry problems.

Our goal is to help make your time on campus as worthwhile as possible. Scholarship programs, academic resources, and mentoring programs are designed to make your experience on campus focused, efficient, and insightful. Additionally, the MEP Alumni Network provides you mentorship and networking with corporate contacts for co-op, internship, and full-time employment opportunities.

## We Engage

With over 56,000 students on our campus and nearly half a million alumni across the world, the Illinois community is bigger than ever. This allows for unparalleled access to academic, research, and professional opportunities.

MEP, along with several culturally based student organizations, gives you unique opportunities to bridge common identities with your engineering peers. We bring our students together regularly to help them feel connected in their collegiate journey. From our early move-in program to professional development events, you join the MEP family before classes begin.

## We Offer Many Ways to Get Involved

Our student community is our greatest asset. The student organizations on our campus provide a supportive environment, peers from similar backgrounds, and opportunities in specific engineering fields. Plus, you'll be sure to make lifelong friends!

The University of Illinois recognizes the importance of awareness and inclusion of students of all backgrounds and provides many professional advocates to make your time on campus meaningful and productive. More information regarding these resources can be found on our website.

### Engineering Student Organizations

- American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

### University Offices for Student Resources

- Morrill Engineering Program (MEP)
- Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA)
- Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations (OIIR)
- Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center (BNAACC)
- La Casa Cultural Latina
- Native American House

## Academic Redshirt in Science and Engineering (ARISE)

ARISE is a program that provides academically talented students coming from low-income backgrounds with support and preparation to successfully earn their engineering degrees from the University of Illinois.

### ARISE Program Benefits

- Dedicated faculty, industry, and graduate mentors
- Customized curriculum that includes preparatory courses in calculus and science as well as an enhanced orientation to engineering.
- Access to resources including special opportunities for tutoring, career services, study abroad opportunities, and student organizations.
- A living-learning community of peers inside and outside of the classroom that includes living together in a newly renovated residence hall
- Access to exclusive scholarships and financial aid resources

### Program Eligibility

- Must be an admitted first year student
- Must be an Illinois resident
- Must be highly motivated to commit to the program's objectives
- Must complete ALEKS Math Placement Exam

For more information visit [grainger.illinois.edu/arise](https://grainger.illinois.edu/arise)



## We Cover all the Majors

As an incoming first-year, you apply directly to your major of choice. This allows you to immediately begin coursework in your major and start building your academic community. If you have a strong interest in exploring multiple engineering majors in your first year, apply to **Engineering Undeclared**.

### Grainger Engineering Majors

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer Science + X
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Industrial Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Neural Engineering
- Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
- Physics
- Systems Engineering and Design

# 950+

Grainger Engineering  
undergraduate students  
from historically marginalized  
groups in STEM





## We are Successful

“Because I am the first in my family to attend college, I really needed help learning the ropes. MEP provided me with the extra push to be successful.” – **Alicia Cintora, Materials Science and Engineering**

“The tips and skills that they help us develop in order to be successful college students are extremely beneficial as they help us plan everything out as to what we want to accomplish during our college years.” – **former MEP student**

“Engaging and bonding with other engineers through MEP, both students and professionals, was really critical to my success.” – **Ugwem Eneyo, Civil and Environmental Engineering**

“As someone who was in EMBARK and involved in MEP events, it has been essential to motivating me through college and meeting friends... In the SHPE high school outreach event for seniors, I loved answering questions that students had and interacting with them.” – **former MEP student**

“MEP was my on-campus family. I knew whom to turn to for advice, study partners, and social activities, which made adjusting to campus very easy. MEP also provided networking opportunities with alumni and corporations. I can't state strongly enough that MEP was essential to my college career and my success as a professional.” – **Nick Rivera, Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering**

“The major strengths of this [MEP Mentoring] course were its ability for students to voice their opinions and the sense of camaraderie. [MEP was] a great source of motivation and really helped me push through this difficult semester.” – **former MEP student**



## We Have the Numbers

Your hard work will make you successful in The Grainger College of Engineering. But we like to think our size and resources for an elite, well-rounded education play a part as well. Our excellence is as broad as it is deep. You will be among ambitious yet helpful peers, esteemed faculty, and knowledgeable advisors. And you'll be rewarded for your studies upon graduation.

**#7** Overall ranking among undergraduate programs in the U.S.

**#10** Overall ranking among graduate programs in the U.S.

**15** Top-ranked undergraduate degree programs

**400+** World-class faculty

**100+** Engineering-based student organizations

**48%** Undergraduates participate in research

**12** Engineering Departments

**45** Multidisciplinary research centers, institutes and laboratories

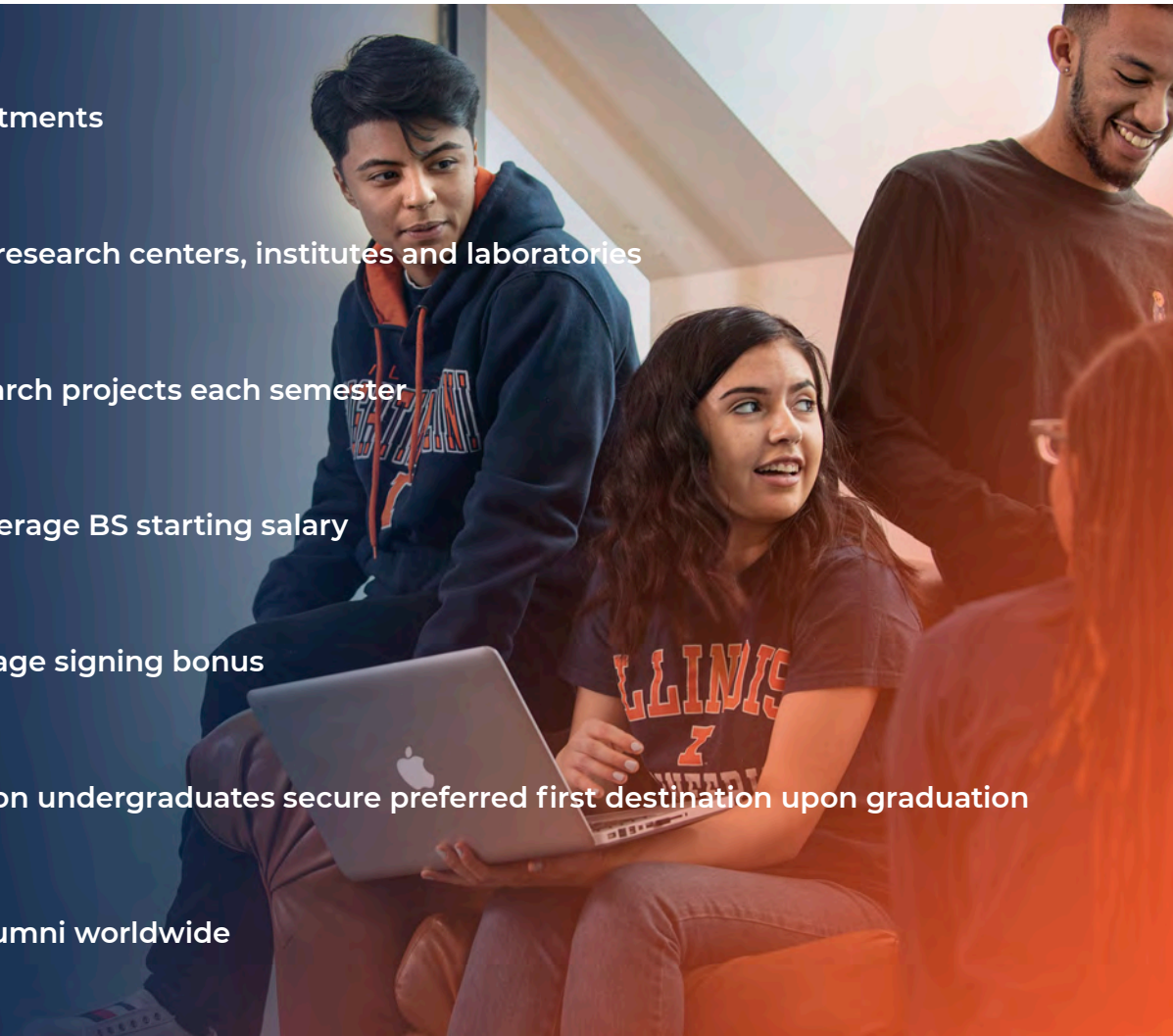
**2,000+** Research projects each semester

**\$85,367** Average BS starting salary

**\$14,412** Average signing bonus

**91%** First-Generation undergraduates secure preferred first destination upon graduation

**97,000+** Alumni worldwide



## Which Major is Right for You?

Your path to Grainger Engineering starts with connecting your passion and interests with the opportunities available in one of our 15 top-ranked major programs. Take our majors quiz to discover which programs are a good fit for you, gather the information you need to take the next step and apply.

### Take Our Majors Quiz

[go.grainger.illinois.edu/majors-quiz-mep](https://go.grainger.illinois.edu/majors-quiz-mep)







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