

# Nuclear, Plasma & Radiological Engineering

2025-26 Fact Sheet

## RESEARCH AREAS

Nuclear Power
Plasma and Fusion
Radiological Sciences
Materials Science
Reliability & Risk

#### **Award Highlights**

- Syed Bahauddin Alam won the HPCwire Editors' Choice Award for Best Use of High Performance Computing in Energy.
- Dren Qerimi won the AVS Plasma Science and Technology Division's Young Investigator Award.

## BEST STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTRY



The UIUC chapter of Women in Nuclear was honored with a Chapter Excellence award at their national conference.



Our chapter of the American Nuclear Society was once again honored with the Samuel Glasstone Award for the best section in the country.

# **STUDENTS**

**Degrees Granted, 2024-25** 

- 21 Bachelor of Science
- 10 Master of Science
- **16** Master of Engineering
- 9 Doctor of Philosophy

#### **Enrollment, Fall 2025**

- **186** Undergraduates
- 106 Graduate Students (MS/PhD
- 33 MEng. (Energy Systems
- **3** MEng. (Plasma Eng.)
- 13 DOE NEUP Scholarships/ Fellowships

**FY25 Sponsored Research Expenditures (ASEE)** 

\$12.2 million

NPRE now offers a
"+ Data Science"
Bachelor's Degree. The
curriculum blends the
foundational physics and
engineering of NPRE with
a strong core in
computational and data
science.

### **FACULTY**

**15 Tenure Track Faculty** 

- **2 Endowed Professorships**New Ruzic professorship
  established
- **4 Endowed Faculty Scholars**
- 2 Research Faculty
- 1 Teaching Faculty
- 19 Affiliate/Adjunct Faculty
- **6 Emeritus**







Three NPRE faculty members--Syed Bahauddin Alam, Katy Huff, and April Novak--have been named to Nuclear News' 40 Under 40 list over the past two years.



Our work continues toward constructing and operating a new research reactor on campus, with the help of a new partner, NANO Nuclear Energy.

L A B Advanced Blankets & Coolants Lab | Advanced Reactor Fuel Cycles Laboratory | Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology | Center for Plasma-Material Interactions | Computational Plasma Physics Lab | Extreme Robotics Lab | Functional X-Ray Imaging Lab (FXIL) | HIDRA (tokomak/stellarator) | High Temperature Corrosion Lab | High Temperature Nuclear Materials Lab | Illinois Plasma Institute | MARTIANS (Machine Learning and ARTIficial Intelligence for Advancing Nuclear Systems) Lab | Magnetron Sputtering Lab | Materials Research Lab | Modeling of Nuclear Materials Group | Multiphysics and Multiscale Simulation Lab |

Multiphase Thermo-Fluid Dynamics Lab | National Center for Supercomputing Applications | Neutron Metrology Lab | Nick Holonyak Micro and Nanotechnology Lab | Nuclear Futures Teaching Lab | Nuclear Materials Lab |

Radiation Detection & Imaging Lab | Radiation Surface Science and Engineering Lab | Radiological Instrumentation Lab | Socio-Technical Risk Analysis (SoTeRiA) Lab | Synthesis, Plasma, Energy, Conversion (SPEC) Lab | Virtual Education and Research Lab