

# Graduate Study

## Department of Sustainable Biomaterials



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The Department of Sustainable Biomaterials administers graduate programs leading to the M.S., M.F. and Ph.D. With the exception of the M.F. program, each graduate student must conduct research, the results of which normally culminate in a M.S. thesis or Ph.D. dissertation. The M.F. program requires no original research or thesis, and is considered a terminal, professional degree. The department at Virginia Tech is considered to be one of top programs in the world for undergraduate and graduate study.

Students can focus their degree program in specialized areas of study by selecting coursework and thesis or dissertation research problems in specialized subject areas. Matching their area of degree interest with a faculty member working in that area is a sure way to gain skills and knowledge in the particular subject under the umbrella of the general degree requirements. General areas of degree specialization within our graduate program include broad areas as overviewed above in the undergraduate program, but prospective graduate applicants should review individual faculty member's research profiles to determine specific areas of interest that will ultimately be the area of their thesis research focus if accepted into the program.

Please visit this page for a listing of our faculty and their expertise <https://sbio.vt.edu/about-us/expertise.html> to find areas of specific interest. Identifying faculty members who share interest in the field(s) you do is key to successful graduate application. Most faculty members are available to serve as faculty advisors if a student is qualified and if a funding source for the student can be identified.

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