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Areas of Study

Micro-/Nano-electronics & Photonics
Power Electronics
Nanophotonics
Light-Emitting Devices
Quantum Devices
Industrial Automation
Wearables
Communications, Signal Processing, Power & Controls

Computer Architecture & Cyber-Physical Systems
Medical Devices
Photovoltaics
Cloud & Multicore
Medical Imaging
Autonomous Systems
Big Data
Light-Emitting Devices
5G Wireless
IoT

Integrated Photonics
Light-Emitting Devices
Advanced Sensors
Medical Devices
Autonomous Systems
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ENROLLMENT

2014: 254
2016: 294
2018: 312

Fast Facts

94% of graduates employed six months after graduation

14:1 undergraduate student to faculty ratio

312 undergraduate students

30% of undergraduates offered merit-based scholarships

$70K average starting salary for undergraduates

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The VCU College of Engineering is nationally recognized for attracting talented, diverse graduate students and preparing them for valuable opportunities in STEM fields. Here, you’ll find state-of-the-art facilities, faculty members with international reputations, and a collaborative, entrepreneurial culture. The result? Outstanding opportunities for emerging scholars and superior preparation for the next generation of research, industry and higher education leaders. This is how we make it real. Visit egr.vcu.edu for more information.

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Degrees Offered
• Electrical Engineering B.S. or Minor
• Computer Engineering B.S. or Minor

Research Opportunities
• Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP)
• Dean’s Undergraduate Research Initiative (DURI)

Effective Experiential Learning
• Capstone Design experience and expo
• Hands-on laboratories in 80 percent of all classes
• Small class sizes

Integrated Industry-University Partnerships
• Diverse internship and Co-Op opportunities at partner companies including Altria, BMW, Boeing, Dominion Power, Intel, Micron, Northrop Grumman, NVIDIA, Rockwell and Yahoo
• Industry-funded projects

Engineering Scholarship Opportunities
• Wright Engineering Access Scholarship
• Dean’s Scholarship
• Chair’s Scholarship

Undergraduate Research

The Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) program provides undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in multidisciplinary, team-based projects. Students can earn credits for working on specific research projects with other undergraduates, graduate students and faculty. This valuable team-based learning experience expands students’ job opportunities by enhancing their resumes.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

The VCU UAV lab is conducting cutting-edge research on flight control systems. VIP teams design, implement and test complex digital hardware and software for autopilots of small UAVs. UAVs are currently the most dynamic growth sector of the international aerospace industry.

Medical Devices

In the medical devices laboratory, researchers apply electromagnetic principles to the design and development of diagnostic and therapeutic tools, primarily for cancer and diabetes research. Electromedical/therapeutic devices make up about 33 percent of the $110 billion medical devices market.

Optics and Photonics

In this team, participants study firsthand the vast potential of light-based technologies, working to develop numerous groundbreaking devices that may lead to commercial products. Optics and photonics technologies are a rapidly growing research and industry sector. Many leaders in the photonics community believe that light-based technologies will be fundamental to 21st century society.

Cyber-Physical Systems

Cyber-physical systems (CPS) are typically composed of networked hardware and software components tightly integrated with physical elements. VCU’s Cyber-Physical Systems lab conducts cutting-edge research for designing next generation autonomous systems, including smart buildings, smart homes, smart factories and smart cities.

1-Year Master’s Program

Highly qualified students are eligible for our bachelor-to-master’s program to earn both degrees in five years.

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