

# NANOSCIENCE NANOSCIENCE

Nanoscience is the study of materials, phenomena, properties, and applications at the smallest length scale at which we can control matter. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter, just slightly larger than individual atoms.

Nanoscience and nantotechnology have rapidly growing applications in a wide range of technology areas including electronics, information technology, medicine, renewable energy, aerospace, and advanced materials. The National Science Foundation predicts that by the year 2020, \$1 trillion of products in the U.S. will contain nanotechnology. The Bachelor's degree program in Nanoscience at Virginia Tech is one of only two such programs in the U.S.

### Careers in Nanoscience

Electronics and Semiconductor Industries, Energy Generation and Storage, Pharmaceuticals, Auto and Aerospace Industries, Sporting Goods, Materials Science Medical Devices, Biotechnology, Environmental Monitoring and Remediation, & many others

Covers materials such as fullerenes, nanotubes, quantum dots, and graphene and techniques such as self-assembly, lithography, electron microscopy, and scanning tunneling microscopy.

Federal government created National Nanotechnology Initiative (www.nano.gov) in 2000, which has invested >\$25 billion in research and development.

- 8 credits of undergraduate research required as part of degree.
- A Nanoscience minor is also available.

# **Course Offerings**



#### **NANOSCIENCE**

Intro to Nanoscience
Nanoscience Research Seminar
Nanoscience Research Rotations
Quantum Physics of Nanostructures
Nanoscience & the Environment
Nanoscale Synthesis, Fabrication, & Characterization
Advanced Nanomaterials & Devices
Nanomedicine



## **BIOLOGY**

Cell and Molecular Biology for Engineers



#### **PHYSICS**

Foundations of Physics



### **CHEMISTRY**

General Chemisty Survey of Organic Chemistry



#### MATH

Elementary Linear Algebra Calculus of a Single Variable Intro to Differential Equations

http://www.ais.science.vt.edu/