

PEER MENTORING

The NHGS Peer Mentoring program uses an interactive mentor/mentee matching approach. Active participation with identifying one's own needs of a mentor, then identifying potential mentors, builds the skill of self-reflection and confidence in asking for what one needs. Trained peer mentors provide a smooth transition to graduate school, whether one is coming from an undergraduate, or masters program or from industry.

Peer Mentors meet their mentees in May of each year, and accompany them through the end of the Fall semester.



VISIT OUR SITE

Learn more on [our website](#) about the resources and opportunities available to Scholars to strengthen their academic careers while preparing them for a successful future!



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NEW HORIZON GRADUATE SCHOLARS (NHGS)

*Center for the Enhancement
of Engineering Diversity
(CEED)*



WHAT IS THE NHGS PROGRAM?

Virginia Tech's [New Horizon Graduate Scholars \(NHGS\)](#) program, housed within the College of Engineering's [Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity \(CEED\)](#), supports and enhances diversity among our graduate student population by creating a collaborative community of ambitious Engineering graduate students who are nominated by their departments. Scholars within this community are provided with resources and opportunities that strengthen their academic career while preparing them for a successful future.

The NHGS program houses the GEM Fellows who are earning either a MS or PhD within VT's College of Engineering.



WHAT SCHOLARS CAN EXPECT:

The College of Engineering and the NHGS leadership team will provide

- Stipend and tuition for 1 semester (MS) or 2 semesters (PhD) for scholars to serve as a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) for their Faculty Research Advisor
- Academic development opportunities, including writing groups and grant-writing workshops
- Professional development opportunities including panel discussions with alumni in industry and academia
- Leadership opportunities within the NHGS program
- Peer Mentoring, social opportunities and special networking events
- Guidance to Scholars as they identify and set realistic and attainable goals

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF NHG SCHOLARS?

NHG Scholars are required to participate with NHGS programming as they earn their degree in a timely manner.

"I love seeing all the opportunities available to these students. Nice work!!"

- NHGS Faculty Advisor

CAN I APPLY TO THE NHGS PROGRAM?

Students can not apply to the NHGS program. Each department nominates domestic students for NHGS. Contact the Graduate Director or Graduate Coordinator in the [Graduate Degree Programs](#) you are applying to for more information.

