Chemical & Biomedical Engineering



2023-2024 Annual Report





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The Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at Mizzou is dedicated to addressing critical challenges that affect both our health and the wellbeing of our planet. Our researchers are at the forefront of developing next-generation sensors, creating sustainable methods for manufacturing biodegradable plastics and producing innovative wearable bioelectronic devices.

We take pride in the accomplishments of our faculty, students and alumni, who continue to receive recognition from national organizations and within the Mizzou community. These successes highlight our commitment to equipping students with the skills to become leaders in solving real-world issues.

Thank you for your interest in and ongoing support of our work.

Kevin Gillis Chair, Professor Chemical & Biomedical Engineering



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Show Me THE NUMBERS

People in ChBME -----

Undergraduate Students Graduate Students Students

Research Expenditures ------

\$5,550,948 FY24

Number of proposals in 2024: 60

Research Areas------

Biological / Biomedical Imaging Bioprocess and Food Process Engineering Catalysis Computational Materials Science Electrochemistry and Atomic Layer Deposition Energy Conversion and Storage Materials for Environmental Sensing

Micro / Nano Devices

Neuroengineering Regenerative Medicine

Soft Materials and Bioelectronics Theranostic Nano-Delivery Devices Thin Films and Nanocoatings Water Studies and Sustainability

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Research HIGHLIGHTS



Zheng Yan and a team of researchers added wireless charging through a magnetic connection to the team's existing on-skin wearable bioelectronic device. The device provides the foundation for gathering precise vital sign measurements like blood pressure and electrical heart activity.



Caixia "Ellen" Wan is working with industry and academic partners to develop eco-friendly processes to manufacture biodegradable plastics from sustainable sources. The research received a second round of funding from the Department of Energy.



Sheila Grant is the principal investigator on an Accelerating Research Translation award to set up Mizzou TecHub Technology, an Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Hub, supported by a four-year, \$5.5 million cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation (NSF).



Xiangqun Zeng is designing next-generation sensors that mimic how the human sensory system works to help turn the foundational understanding of the interface of biological and chemical interactions and reactions into tangible – and world-changing – innovations.



Matthias Young is developing a technique that could lead to new sensors to help farmers better measure nitrates and phosphates in the soil, allowing them to use fertilizer more efficiently. The research is funded through the U.S. Geological Survey.



Reginald Rogers co-directed the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site (NSF REUs), "Creative Approaches to Materials Design and Processing." REUs help students conduct authentic research, receive mentoring, build knowledge and research skills and learn about career pathways in STEM.

Student SUCCESS



Campbell Sweet received a 2024 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for her research on increasing the supply of clean energy.



Mizzou AIChE was selected as an Outstanding Student Chapter at the 2023 national student conference. Additionally, *Marissa Moore* and the *Chem-E-Car* team won awards at the AIChE Mid-America Regional Conference and *Ashley Kemm* and *Arren Mallott* received honors at the St. Louis AIChE Chapter Awards Ceremony.



Selby Chipman completed an internship with the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) where she did data analysis for the Undiagnosed Diseases program.



Marissa Moore attended the SENIC Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in collaboration with the National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Corridor.



Abby Law was one of 28 students nationally selected to attend the Dow Diamond Symposium, intended to help students discover career paths, receive one-on-one mentorship, form connections with like-minded peers and engage with influential leaders.



Mizzou's **Torq'N Tigers Quarter-Scale Tractor Pulling Team** won multiple events at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) International Student Design Competition.

ChBME ACCOLADES



Kiruba Krishnaswamy

received an Early Career Development (CAREER) award from the National Science Foundation in support of her FEAST framework to address hidden hunger.



Xiaohua Liu was elected to the 2024 College of Fellows of AIMBE for his leading contributions to address challenges in dental biomaterials and craniofacial tissue regeneration.

WELCOMING NEW FACULTY TO ChBME ------

Susie Dai Professor

Xiao Yien "Rebecca" Lim

Assistant Teaching Professor

Yizhi Xiang Associate Professor

Xiangqun Zeng Professor

Alumni SPOTLIGHT

The Chemical Engineering Academy of Distinguished Alumni inducted three new members in November. The 2024 inductees are: *Lynn Andrews* (ChE '92) and *Baron Peters* (ChE '99). One member from 2022 was also inducted: *Paul Oppliger* (ChE '84). Alumnus **Corey Staller** (ChE '14) received the Mizzou R.A.H. Award for exceptional professional achievement along with a demonstrated record of volunteerism, both on campus and in his local community.