

SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MATERIALS DISCOVERY (SAMD)

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The overall objective of the School of Advanced Materials Discovery (SAMD) program is to develop students to be science and engineering professionals who use their multidisciplinary problem-solving skills to address global challenges in the field of materials science and engineering (MSE).

The development of advanced materials, including their synthesis, characterization, and application in novel devices, occupies a central role in 21st century science, technology, and business. Materials research is, by its very nature, an extraordinarily inter- and multi-disciplinary endeavor, involving expertise in chemistry, physics, and engineering at the core, but also utilizing concepts from various other scientific disciplines as well as business and sociology, as materials research is often very focused on creating a product for the marketplace more efficiently and effectively. Indeed, work in this area concerns materials structure, property, and function. Thus, we educate future materials scientists and engineers to understand how different combinations of molecules can result in different thermal, mechanical, electrical, optical, and magnetic properties; to measure those properties at the atomic, electronic, surface, and bulk level; and to manufacture usable devices from the resulting materials. It is imperative that the next generation of materials scientists and engineers be explicitly educated in an interdisciplinary manner. The degree program contains elements that address materials technology transfer, materials manufacturing, responsible conduct of research, and other professional development skills necessary for success in the materials community.