The Morrill Engineering Program (MEP) is designed to empower minority students, enrich their on-campus experience, and foster opportunities to engage amongst our students, academic partners, and professional networks.

There is always a place for you in the MEP family. African-American, Latino, and Native-American students find a tremendous amount of support as they become innovative Engineering at Illinois students ready to change the world.
EMPOWER

Engineering at Illinois students have an advantage over other engineering students. The knowledge and experience gained here leads to advanced research opportunities, continued higher education at the most elite level, and the top industry job positions.

Our students are go-getters, problem-solvers, and most importantly, teammates. MEP empowers minority students by helping you know about and access the vast resources available here at Engineering at Illinois.
Collaboration is a fundamental aspect of our campus community. MEP works with each of you, our alumni, and corporations to solve problems, discuss ideas, and find solutions to industry problems.

Our goal is to help make your time on campus as worthwhile as possible. Scholarship programs, academic resources, and mentoring programs are designed to make your experience on campus focused, efficient, and insightful. Additionally, the MEP Alumni Network provides you mentorship and networking with corporate contacts for co-op, internship, and full-time employment opportunities.
With 40,000 students on our campus and nearly half a million alumni across the world, the Illinois community is bigger than ever. This allows for unparalleled access to academic, research, and professional opportunities.

MEP, along with several culturally based student organizations, gives you unique opportunities to bridge common identities with your engineering peers. We bring our students together regularly to help them feel connected in their collegiate journey. From our early move-in program to professional development events, you join the MEP family before classes begin.
Our student community is our greatest asset. The student organizations on our campus provide a supportive environment, peers from similar backgrounds, and opportunities in specific engineering fields. Plus, you’ll be sure to make lifelong friends!

The University of Illinois recognizes the importance of awareness and inclusion of students of all backgrounds and provides many professional advocates to make your time on campus meaningful and productive. More information regarding these resources can be found on our website.

**Engineering Student Organizations**
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

**University Offices for Student Resources**
- College of Engineering’s Morrill Engineering Program (MEP)
- Office of Minority Student Affairs
- Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations
- Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center
- La Casa Cultural Latina
- Native American House
- Asian American Cultural Center
As an incoming freshman, you apply directly to your major of choice. This allows you to take courses in your major and build your academic community from day one.

If you have a strong interest in exploring different engineering majors in your first year, apply to Engineering Undeclared.

Aerospace Engineering
Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Bioengineering
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Physics
General Engineering (similar to systems engineering)
Industrial Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering/Engineering Mechanics
Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
“Because I am the first in my family to attend college, I really needed help learning the ropes. MEP provided me with the extra push to be successful.”

Alicia Cintora, ’14
Materials Science and Engineering

“Engaging and bonding with other engineers through MEP, both students and professionals, was really critical to my success.”

Ugwem Eneyo, ’13
Civil and Environmental Engineering

MEP was my on-campus family. I knew whom to turn to for advice, study partners, and social activities, which made adjusting to campus very easy. MEP also provided networking opportunities with alumni and corporations. I can’t state strongly enough that MEP was essential to my college career and my success as a professional.

Nick Rivera, ’15
Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
ENGINEERING AT ILLINOIS BY THE NUMBERS

Minority students are successful due to their hard work. But we like to think our size and resources for an elite, well-rounded education play a part as well.

Our excellence is as broad as it is deep. You will be among ambitious yet helpful peers, esteemed faculty, and knowledgeable advisors. You’ll have access to unbelievable research opportunities and labs. And you’ll be rewarded for your studies upon graduation. Your future starts here at Illinois.

12 departments
2+ job offers on average per student
740 undergraduate minority students in MEP
$69,871 average BS starting salary
50% undergraduates participate in research
60+ engineering-based student organizations
2,000+ research projects each semester
60+ laboratories, research centers, and institutes
80,000 alumni worldwide
400 faculty members
15 majors (7 ranked in the top 5 nationally)
9 multidisciplinary research centers
As an engineer at Illinois, your opportunities to do the impossible are limited only by your imagination. Learn more about the impact we’re making on the world.

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