



Pursue your Ph.D. with the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech:

## *A Ph.D. in Economics Experience*

### About the program:

Our STEM-certified Ph.D. program in economics is administered jointly by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the Department of Economics at Virginia Tech.

### Areas of specialization:

- Applied Econometrics
- Environment and Natural Resource Economics
- Development and International Trade
- Food and Health Economics

### Virginia Tech Graduate School - Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Programs:

The Graduate School supports Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Programs to promote and sustain interdisciplinary graduate education and research at Virginia Tech.

Students can combine our Ph.D. program with Remote Sensing or Interfaces of Global Change, for example, to address a major fundamental problem or complex societal issue requiring an interdisciplinary team of scholars. Ph.D. students who fulfill the requirements will earn a certificate.

### Department snapshot

Ranked in the **top ten percent** worldwide of Institutions and Economists in the Field of Agricultural Economics.

Our **world-class faculty** hold awards for superb teaching and research and are published in top journals with many serving as editors.

- Award spotlight: AAEEA 2023-2024 back to back wins for Distinguished Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching 10+ years.

**Awarded sponsored research grants** July 2023 - May 2024: \$1.356 million



### Alliance to Advance Climate-Smart Agriculture

- Grant spotlight: The Alliance to Advance Climate-Smart Agriculture is a three-year, \$80 million pilot program to incentivize and reward farmers and ranchers for adopting climate-smart agricultural practices. **Five AAEC faculty** are working with the Alliance to support the university's research agenda.

- 32 faculty
- 30 adjunct and affiliated faculty
- 45+ master's and Ph.D. students



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**AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS**  
VIRGINIA TECH.

# Virginia Tech Facts and Figures

## Enrollment (Fall 2023)

More than 38,000 on and off campus

- 80 percent undergraduate;  
20 percent graduate
- 57 percent male; 43 percent female

## Research

- Top 6 percent of universities in the nation for research expenditures
- Ranked No. 54 in the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development Survey
- 142 invention disclosures, 25 license deals, and \$80 million in corporate and foundation philanthropy in fiscal year 2023

## Other

- 13:1 student-faculty ratio
- Facilities across the state and around the globe, including a strong presence in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area



## Recent Ph.D. Job Placements

> [aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/job-placement.html](https://aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/job-placement.html)

- Assistant Professor, Morrison School of Agribusiness at Arizona State University
- Assistant Professor of Quantitative Analysis, School of Business at Hamline University
- Assistant Professor, School of Economics at Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- Assistant Professor, SUNY Geneseo
- Assistant Extension Professor at the University of Minnesota
- Research Associate, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Post Doc Scholar, Center for Watershed Sciences at UC Davis
- Research Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service at USDA
- Data Scientist at eBay
- Quantitative Analytics Associate at Key Bank

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse environment that fosters learning, teaching, research, Extension, and personal growth.

> [aaec.vt.edu/About/dei.html](https://aaec.vt.edu/About/dei.html)

## Support resources

- Help with library research and resources specific to areas of study
- Research, teaching, writing, and publishing services and discount software through the Graduate School

> [graduateschool.vt.edu/academics/what-you-need-to-graduate/academic-support-resources.html](https://graduateschool.vt.edu/academics/what-you-need-to-graduate/academic-support-resources.html)

## Our events

- Graduate Student Assembly
- Seminars and Metrics Mixers
- Breakfasts and lunches with faculty

## Funding opportunities

> [aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/funding.html](https://aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/funding.html)

## Housing and apartment rentals

> [apartments.com/blacksburg-va](https://apartments.com/blacksburg-va)  
> <https://offcampus.vt.edu>

## Blacksburg Transit

> <https://ridebt.org>



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