

Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program: The graduate student peer mentoring program is primarily designed for first year graduate students in the College of Engineering. Mentors will consist of senior-level engineering graduate students and there is also a possibility of having a faculty mentor as well. The goal of this mentorship program is to help new students navigate the difficulties of starting a new graduate program, build community, and facilitate networking across the college. During monthly meetings, mentors and mentees will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns 1st year students have regarding their program, department, advisor, or lab group. This is a great platform to discuss the first year experience and what it is like to be a new graduate student here at Virginia Tech.



This effort is led by **Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh**, a university **Diversity Scholar**. Adwoa received her BS in Materials Science and Engineering at Virginia Tech, her MS in Materials Science and Engineering at The University of Florida, and is currently working on her PhD. Her research is on an interdisciplinary project where she is creating a bioengineered scaffold using the technique irreversible electroporation. During her time here as a doctoral student, Adwoa has been involved in many activities directed towards enhancing diversity amongst graduate students and the greater community. She has recruited for graduate programs here at Virginia Tech, is a student leader for the College of Engineering's Diversity Graduate student network, and is part of the College of Engineering's Dean's team.

If you have any questions or would like to join this program, either as a 1st year mentee or as a graduate student or faculty mentor, please feel free to contact Adwoa via email at adj2288@vt.edu. She can also be found most days in 330 Kelly Hall (formally ICTAS I). Dr. Catherine Amelink, Director of Graduate Programs and Assessment, serves as the faculty liaison for this group (amelink@vt.edu).