



Chemical Engineering and Materials Science

Wei-Shou Hu Fellowship

Five years of fully-funded PhD research to tackle the most impactful problems in sustainability and human health, leaning into the innovation borne out of interdisciplinary research.

The fellowship includes:

- Tuition, benefits, and a generous annual stipend
- Substantial funding for research materials/consumables and conference travel
- Encouragement of interdisciplinary research, as might be facilitated through co-advising and/or collaborations, plus a dedicated faculty mentor
- Cohort-based activities focused on maximizing impact
- Opportunity to organize an annual impact and leadership workshop

Fellows will be selected from the pool of students admitted to the UMN PhD programs in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science for Fall 2026. Selection will take place in early April. Prior to that decision, students will have the opportunity to engage with potential faculty advisors at an in-person or virtual visit. They will also be asked to write a brief follow-up statement of interests and how that aligns with the goals of the fellowship.

The Wei-Shou Hu Fellowship is enabled by a \$2.5 million private philanthropic gift from Stéphane Bancel, Moderna Therapeutics CEO and alumnus (M.S. Chemical Engineering '95), and Brenda Bancel. The gift honors Distinguished McKnight University Professor Wei-Shou Hu, who retired from the University of Minnesota this fall after a 40-year career.

Questions? **Contact Prof. Kelsey Stoerzinger at zinger@umn.edu**



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