

Does your company have potential BE Capstone Design Projects?

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Support BE Capstone Design Projects for:

- Solutions to industry challenges
- Future employees with experience

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Biosystems Engineering Capstone Design Projects

Real world design projects:

- Solved by student teams
- Advised by faculty
- Supported by industry

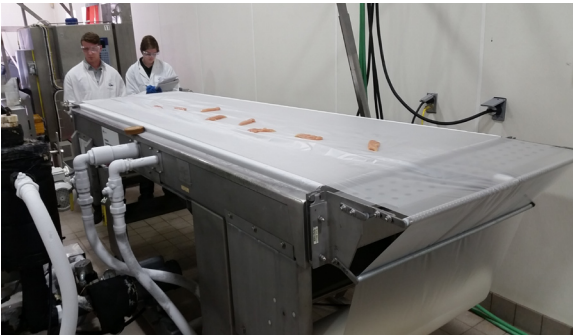


Specialty areas:

- Bioenergy Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Ecosystems Engineering
- Food Engineering

A Capstone Design Project:

- Requires engineering design
- Combines biology and engineering
- Solves a real problem
- Uses a holistic and systems approach
- Interprets data and statistics
- Interprets social and environmental impacts
- Evaluates economic feasibility
- Delivers a comprehensive, professional design report
- Requires team presentations to industry, faculty, general community, and peers



Since 1906, the Department of Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering has responded to the changing needs of society by integrating and applying principles of engineering and biology in a systems context. Today, biosystems engineers at MSU solve complex, rapidly-changing problems related to food production, quality and safety, ecosystems protection, homeland security and health protection, biomass utilization, and renewable energy development.

Recent Project Examples:

■ Bioenergy Engineering

Torrefaction Process Improvement

Increase product yield of torrefaction process.
Sponsor: Heat Transfer International

Wastewater Treatment Using Anaerobic Digester

Design and develop a novel, efficient pilot-scale (0.45 m³) up flow and fixed film anaerobic digester.
Sponsor: Technova

■ Biomedical Engineering

Dried Blood Storage Device

Filter paper to efficiently dry and store blood samples.
Sponsor: Pfizer, Inc.

Design of a LED/Fiber Optic Treatment for Infant Jaundice

Design a portable, wearable, cost-efficient treatment for infant jaundice.
Sponsor: Sygiene

■ Ecosystems Engineering

Site Evaluation and Design Plan for a Created Forested Wetland Student

Designed wetland for US 27 road construction site.
Sponsor: Michigan Department of Transportation

Water Quality Best Management Practices Design for a City of Lansing Re-Development Project

Design of an efficient stormwater runoff treatment system for a parking lot re-development.
Sponsor: Tetra Tech

■ Food Engineering

Hydroponic Processing Optimization for Mung Bean Sprouts

Optimization of hydroponic system for mung bean sprouts.
Sponsor: ConAgra

Redesign of ProMix Batter Mixer Cooling Mechanisms

Redesign batter coolant system.
Sponsor: JBT FoodTech

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- identifying and solving problems at the interface of biology and engineering, using modern engineering techniques and the systems approach,
- analyzing, designing, and controlling processes and systems that involve critical biological components,
- demonstrating a professional foundation that includes vision, adaptability, creativity, a practical mindset, effective communication skills, continuing professional growth, and ethical conduct, and
- working inclusively and equitably in diverse, cross-disciplinary environments towards sustainable solutions.