



PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ACCOUNTING & I.S.
VIRGINIA TECH.

PhD in Accounting

About Our Program: The doctoral program at Virginia Tech prepares students for successful careers at top business schools in the U.S. and around the world. We heavily emphasize research skills, which students develop over 4 to 5 years through coursework, research-focused program requirements, regular faculty interactions, and co-authored projects. Our faculty are experts in a variety of research methods (archival, experimental, and qualitative) and topics (audit, financial, managerial, governance, and tax), giving each student a personalized experience that caters to their unique area of interest.

#17 on BYU's
[ranking](#) of
recent
graduate
publications



RESEARCH: The objective of our program is to graduate high-quality researchers who will publish in top accounting journals. Each student develops at least three research papers as part of the minimum program requirements, and most pursue additional research projects co-authored with Virginia Tech faculty. Our students also regularly participate in major research conferences throughout the year.



FUNDING: In addition to a full tuition waiver and comprehensive fee scholarship, each student receives an annual stipend/scholarship of approximately \$43,000. Additional funding is available for coding camp, conference attendance, and research support (e.g., computer, software, data)

KEY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Coursework

Comprehensive Exam

Dissertation

First-Year Paper

Second-Year Paper



Interested in learning more about who we are?

Scan here to learn more about our diverse group of faculty and current PhD students.



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WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY BY DECEMBER 15

Apply here:



QUICK FACTS

- 4-year program with the option for a 5th year to further develop your research
- Ability to pursue archival or experimental research methods
- 5 accounting seminars taught by faculty that are experts in their area
- VT hosts an annual research conference, giving students an opportunity to present and interact with scholars from around the country
- Frequent co-authored projects between the PhD students and faculty

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Jeff Pittman,
Editor at

Contemporary Accounting Research

"At VT, you will be joining a PhD program on the rise evident in both recent student awards and faculty publications in major journals. Importantly, the diversity in the faculty's methodological approaches and topical areas ensures that you will have the flexibility to modify your program as your research interests evolve. VT's accounting PhD program will provide you the opportunity to learn in a highly collegial, dynamic environment, setting the stage for you to thrive in a career in research."

RECENT PLACEMENTS

- University of Illinois
- Fairfield University
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- North Carolina State University
- Mississippi State University

RECENT RECOGNITION/AWARDS (PhD student graduation year)

Deloitte Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting

- Delia Valentine (2022)
- Karneisha Wolfe (2023)
- Jess Filosa (2024)

AICPA William (Bill) Ezzell Scholarship

- Jess Filosa (2024)
- Sabrina Summers (2026)

AICPA Minority Doctoral Student Fellowship

- Carissa Malone (2023)
- DMyrian Frederick (2027)

AICPA Accounting Doctoral Scholars

- Gabe DiYorio (2023)
- Karneisha Wolfe (2023)



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Since 2018, our faculty have published over 40 research papers in elite journals ("Top 6")
- Our faculty members serve as editors or on editorial boards of top journals including: *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, and *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*