



College of Agriculture  
and Natural Resources  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# School of Packaging

## BY THE NUMBERS

**500+**  
undergrad  
students

**67**  
graduate  
students

**95%**  
student job  
placement

**16**  
faculty  
members

**9,560**  
alumni

## EDUCATION

- **Undergraduate:** Bachelor's degrees in packaging science and packaging value chain.
- **Graduate:** Master's degree and Ph.D. in packaging.

## STUDENTS

- Participate in at least one paid internship.
- Study abroad.
- Work in food, household or pharmaceuticals, as well as packing manufacturers or raw materials producers, and governmental positions.

## DISTINCTIONS

- Established in 1952 as a discipline within the MSU Department of Forest Products, it became an independent school in 1957.
- Leader in teaching, research and outreach focused on the functionality and improvement of packaging containers and materials for more than 60 years.
- Pioneer and proven track record of providing high-quality education and research that advances the science and technology of packaging.
- Keys to success include overriding commitments to innovation, sustainability and stewardship.
- The first and only U.S. institution granting doctoral degrees in packaging.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are various ways to support, such as contributing toward:

- \$7.5-million renovation of the MSU School of Packaging building.
- \$4 million endowed chair.
- \$2 million endowed professor.
- Graduate students and teaching assistants.

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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**LEARN:** A desire for lifelong enrichment marks a true Spartan. A wide variety of programs are available in person and online for continues learning.

**GET TOGETHER:** On campus and throughout the world there are many opportunities for Spartans to connect with one another.

**GIVE BACK:** Spartans make a difference. Join our ranks of Spartans who are enhancing the MSU experience for students, faculty and staff.

**TRADITIONS:** There are many ways for alumni and fans to show their support of the university.

**FIND OUT MORE:** [canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement](https://canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement)

## STAY CONNECTED

**UPDATE** your information: [alumni.msu.edu/update](https://alumni.msu.edu/update).

**EMAIL:** Sign-up to receive the CANR Alumni newsletter: [canr.msu.edu/alumninewsletter](https://canr.msu.edu/alumninewsletter).

**MAGAZINE:** Read *In the Field*, featuring stories from the college. Join the mailing list by making a gift at the Spartan Loyal level or above.

**WEB:** [canr.msu.edu/alumni](https://canr.msu.edu/alumni)

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## RESEARCH

National and international achievements in food, health and biomedical packaging, packaging sustainability, distribution and value chain.

Examples include:

- Groundbreaking research to maintain sterilization of medical device packaging in the field. Her work studies how paramedics in an ambulance interact with medical packaging during an emergency.
- Advancements focusing on how differences in food packaging can prolong vegetable freshness.
- Examining the environmental footprint of new and existing packaging systems and advanced performance materials using renewable resources.
- Analyzing the economic effects and trade-offs of packaging decisions as they relate to the supply chain, the environment and the economy.

## ENGAGEMENT

- Disseminates valuable knowledge in packaging science and technology that empowers people around the world to make more informed decisions to improved quality of life.
- Maintains close ties to the packaging industry in numerous ways, including the School of Packaging Industry Advisory Council, the Packaging Alumni Association, Packaging Executive forums and company visits.