

SUMMER SCHOOL / 6-8 JULY 2026

**MATERIOMICS: INNOVATIVE MATERIALS FROM
HEALTHCARE ACROSS QUANTUM TO SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES**

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Modern materials science requires an interdisciplinary approach embracing chemistry and physics, as well as experimental and computational methods for addressing the most critical technological challenges in the world today and in the future, including climate change, pandemics, energy transition, safe communication technologies, etc. This summer school, organized by the Master of Materiomics (Hasselt University), introduces students to materials, their design, their properties and their applications with respect to the forementioned grand challenges. Particular focus is on innovative materials for energy generation, storage and efficiency, sustainable materials for circular processes, high-tech materials for quantum technologies and advanced materials for innovative healthcare.

The summer school targets 2nd and 3rd year bachelor students from various departments (e.g. materials science, physics, (bio)chemistry, (bio)engineering) who want to get acquainted with state-of-the-art research in materials science explained at bachelor level. Among all the applications, up to 25 B.Sc. students will be selected for the summer school based on their motivation and curriculum vitae.



The three-day summer school covers lectures and hands-on sessions, which are held on campus Diepenbeek of Hasselt University, and a visit to EnergyVille (Thorpark, Genk) which is a state-of-the-art research facility with activities focusing on renewable energy and intelligent energy systems. The students will also have the opportunity to interact with young researchers working in the Institute for Materials Research (IUMAT). Besides the learning activities, there will be ample time for social activities to enjoy the Diepenbeek campus and the city of Hasselt, including a BBQ, a visit to Hasselt, and a closing reception.





In this summer school, professors and researchers of Hasselt University as well as international guest speakers will cover subjects on innovative materials design. On the first day, there will be a welcoming session, followed by lectures related to materials for energy generation, storage and efficiency, and in the afternoon a visit with lab tour to EnergyVille. On the second day materials for quantum technologies as well as sustainable materials will be addressed via lectures and time to visit the high-tech infrastructure of the UHasselt Science Tower. On the last day lectures and a practical session will give insights in materials for innovative healthcare. Also a poster session is organised with the possibility to network with researchers from the university and the Institute for Materials Research working in the field of materials science (physics and (bio)chemistry). The summer school will conclude with a recap session and a farewell reception.

Summer school deadlines

Application submission	24 May 2026
Applicant notification	27 May 2026
Applicant registration	01 June 2026

How to apply ?

Please send your application to materiomics@uhasselt.be along with a 1-page motivation letter and curriculum vitae. The applicants selected for the summer school will be informed about possible accommodation, and the final summer school program around 27 May 2026.

Summer school Chair

[Prof. dr. ir. Koen Vandewal](#)



Budget, travel & accommodation

- 50 euros registration fee which includes participation to the summer school, bus transfer to EnergyVille, coffee and lunch breaks, social activities with dinner, farewell reception
- Accommodation in hostel (shared rooms with breakfast) in Hasselt is possible
- Travel costs at your own expenses

Administrative coordination & contact

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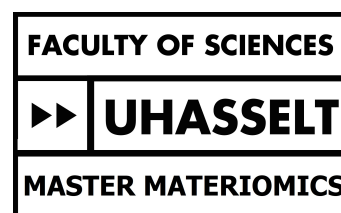
Master of Materiomics

The Master of Materiomics (120 ECTS) aims to educate students to develop new, innovative & sustainable materials focusing on one of the four specializations: materials for quantum technologies, energy, circularity and advanced healthcare. Bachelor students (NL) with a background in chemistry or physics can enroll in the program.

For more information:

www.uhasselt.be/materiomics

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	Monday 06.07	Tuesday 07.07	Wednesday 08.07
	Energy	Quantum & Circularity	Health
08:30-09:00	Registration		
09:00-09:30	Welcome & practical info Prof. dr. ir. Koen Vandewal	Quantum computing Prof. dr. Petr Siyushev (Tom Cornille)	Is quantum biology real? Prof. dr. Anna Ermakova (on-line)
09:30-10:00			
10:00-10:30	Applications of Ternary Chalcogenide Nanomaterials Prof. dr. Anna Starczewska (Silesian University of Technology)	Practical quantum mechanical calculations: beyond the Schrödinger equation Prof. dr. dr. Danny Vanpoucke	Mimicking the Extracellular Matrix for Regenerative Medicine Prof. dr. Jurica Bauer (Maastricht University)
10:30-11:00		Coffee break	Coffee break
11:00-11:30	Solid-state barocaloric refrigeration toward a greener efficient cooling thanks to Spin-Crossover materials Prof. dr. Maxime Deutsch (Université de Lorraine)	Circular Metallurgy in Action: Unlocking Value from Secondary Non-Ferrous Materials Prof. dr. Bart Michielsen (Aurubis Beerse)	Encoding materials in genes: an introduction to protein-based biomaterials Prof. dr. Geert-Jan Graulus
11:30-12:00		Oscar-Qube Dr. Jaroslav Hruby	Poster session
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-13:00			
13:00-13:30	Visit to EnergyVille labs	Better batteries with biochar Prof. dr. ir. Dries Vandamme	Practical session - Unleashing nature's toolbox: Dive into protein-based biomaterials Prof. dr. Geert-Jan Graulus
13:30-14:00			
14:00-14:30			
14:30-15:00		Coffee break	
15:00-15:30		Visit to Science Tower	
15:30-16:00		The origins and future of our plastic pollution crisis Prof. dr. Louis Pitet	
16:00-16:30			
16:30-17:00		BBQ-evening	
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