



George Pharr
Professor and Department Head
Materials Science and Engineering

Dr. George Pharr has been named **Head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering** at the University of Tennessee's College of Engineering. He was appointed in February 2006 after serving as interim department head since June 2005.

An internationally respected scholar and researcher, Pharr is renowned for his investigations in the areas of mechanical behavior of materials, nanoindentation and thin film mechanical properties. He is also director of the UT Small-Scale Mechanical Behavior Laboratory.

Since 1998, Pharr has been a joint faculty member in the college's materials science and engineering department and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He has received numerous research and teaching awards, including three College of Engineering Research Fellow Awards, the Chancellor's Research and Creative Achievement Award and the ISI Highly Cited in Materials Science Recognition.

Pharr earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Rice University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Stanford University.

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