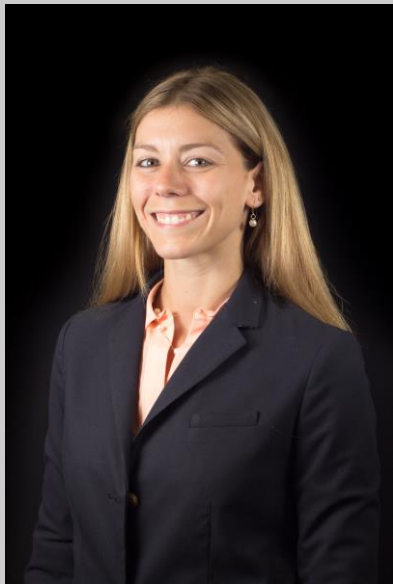




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Microgels for Advanced Wound Repair

Research emphasis:

Dr. Brown's research centers on developing novel microgel-based materials for a variety of biomedical applications including augmentation of hemostasis, enhanced wound healing, evaluation and modulation of cellular mechanotransduction and development of biosynthetic constructs for regenerative medicine. Current projects include development of microgel-based platelet-like particles (PLPs) and other microgel assemblies for augmentation of hemostasis and regenerative medicine.

Application:

- Hemostatic Materials
- Mechanotransduction Mechanisms
- Regenerative Medicine
- Engineering Cellular Microenvironments

Collaboration potential:

- Biomaterials for hemostasis and wound healing
- 2D and 3D platforms for regenerative medicine and understanding cell/ECM interactions
- Small animal models of trauma

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