

# Graduate Programs

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## **About Lehigh University**







Located in Pennsylvania's beautiful Lehigh Valley, Lehigh is one of the most distinguished private research universities in the U.S. Through academic rigor, an entrepreneurial mindset, and collaborative opportunities, we challenge our students to become the leaders of the future. With five distinguished colleges and an ideal student-to-faculty ratio (9:1), Lehigh offers world-class academic opportunities on one of the nation's most beautiful campuses. [lehigh.edu]

## **About Lehigh Mechanical Engineering**

#### **Our community**

- 120 graduate students (48 MS, 72 PhD)
- 26 faculty





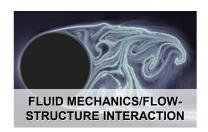
#### **Research clusters**

- Controls and robotics (6 faculty\*)
- Fluid mechanics and flow-structure interaction (7)
- Mechanics of Materials (6)
- Thermo-Heat Transfer (5)
- Biomechanics (5)

Research may theoretical, computational, experimental... or a combination of these









## **About Lehigh Mechanical Engineering**

#### **Experimental Facilities**

12 MechE research laboratories

#### **Computational Capabilities**

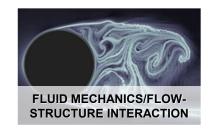
 Lehigh's computational clusters, Sol and Hawk, provide 4156 compute cores with a theoretical peak performance of 198.5 Tflops

#### **Interactions/Links**

11 national and international labs and centers.











## **Graduate Student Awards and Recognition**

#### **Graduate students win Fellowships:**

- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship
- Amelia Earhart Zonta International Fellowship
- International Institute of Education Fellowship

## Grants/Fellowships for national/intl research projects and stays at major centers:

- Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- European Organization for Nuclear Research
- University of Zurich (CERN)
- Air Force Research Laboratory
- Cambridge University (DAMPT)
- Army Research Laboratory



## MechE faculty awards

- Faculty have received more than 45 awards for outstanding accomplishments from professional societies and federal agencies
- 13 prestigious NSF CAREER Awards and DoD Young Investigator Awards



Support from national agencies including:

- National Science Foundation
   National Institutes of Health
- Department of Energy
   Advanced Research Projects Agency
   DoD

## Path to PhD Degree



- Completion of coursework
   Eight courses including five core courses completed with a minimum average GPA (Qualifying Procedure)
- Formulation of research proposal

  Identification of major unknowns in a new field then development of proposed research in the format of a leading national agency (General Examination)
- Collaboration on dissertation research
   Original (new) research contributions to your field with guidance from your faculty advisor
- Completion of total credit hour requirement

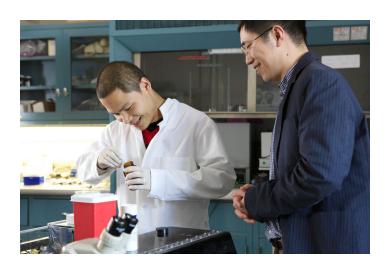
  Minimum of 72 credit hours (credits for courses and

  dissertation) after BS degree, or 48 credit hours after MS

  degree acquired elsewhere

## **Financial Support for PhD Students**

- Presidential or University Fellowship
   No associated obligations
- Rossin Fellowship
   No associated obligations
- Research Assistantship
   Research with guidance from a faculty adviser
- Teaching Assistantship
   Assistance with teaching a course in collaboration with a faculty instructor; opportunity to develop teaching and leadership skills through participation in the Teaching Practicum Program
- Combination of Rossin Fellowship, Research Assistantship, and/or Teaching Assistantship



## Master of Science (MS) Degree\*

**Multi-Track Options** 

#### 10 courses (30 credits) for all tracks:



\* All MS degree options must also satisfy generic University level masters degree requirements

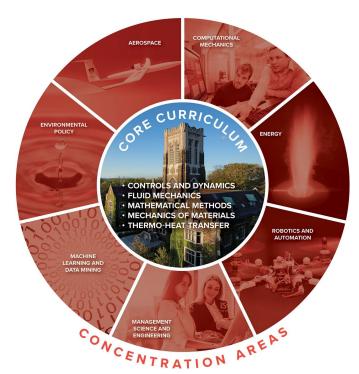
- Thesis Track
   Focus on Research: Counts for 2 courses
- Project Track
   Focus on Design, Development, or Applied
   Research: Counts for 2 courses
- Applied Engineering Track
   Focus on Deep MEM Knowledge Base through coursework: Counts for 2 courses
- Interdisciplinary Track
  Focus on development of expertise in another
  discipline (concentration area) as a complement
  to an MFM core: Counts for 4 courses

## Master of Science (MS) Degree

#### Interdisciplinary Track

#### **Concentration Areas**

- Aerospace
- Computational Mechanics
- Energy
- Robotics and Automation
- Management Science and Engineering
- Machine Learning and Data Mining
- Environmental Policy
- Technical Entrepreneurship
- Self-Designed Concentration



## **Best Masters Programs (BMP) Rankings**

The Rossin College's online masters degree program in mechanical engineering was recently ranked **second in the nation** by the independent online guide *Best Masters Programs* (BMP.)

BMP's analysis, which aims to "help working professionals find a program with a real return on investment and career impact," considered tuition rate (IPEDS data), potential salary (College Scorecard data), and student satisfaction (Niche student reviews).



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## **Career paths: MS graduates**



Durlav Mudbhari
Stress Engineer
Gulf Aerospace
Systems
MS Lehigh 2017



Elana Abrams
Mechanical Engineer
Gyre9
(prod. dev. firm)
MS Lehigh 2019



Xiangxingyu (Lucas) Lin
Endurance Testing Engineer
Daimler Greater China Ltd
(Parent company, Mercedes Benz)
MS Lehigh 2014

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

## **Destinations of MS and PhD grads**







中国科学院深圳先进技术研究院 SHENZHEN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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## Lehigh's Office of Graduate Education & Life









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### **Graduate Admissions**

- Deadline for consideration of financial support: Jan 15
- Final deadline for fall admission: July 15
- GRE not required for 2021 admission
- Application waivers available
- Contact Allison Marsteller at alm513@lehigh.edu

#### For international students:

#### Minimum TOFFL

- · Reading: 20
- Listening: 15
- Speaking: 20
- Writing: 20
- COMPOSITE: 79

#### **Minimum IELTS**

- Reading: 6.5
- Listening: 6.0
- Speaking: 6.5
- Writing: 6.0
- OVERALL: 6.5

#### **Minimum ITP**

- Reading: 56
- Listening: 54
- Writing: 53
- OVERALL: 543







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