



Job title	Experimental Research Fellow - solid mechanics and dynamics	Job family and level	Research Level 4
School/ Department	Faculty of Engineering, MAS	Location	Jubilee Campus, Energy Technologies Building

Purpose of role

To support solid mechanics and dynamics experimental projects research across the Mechanical and Aerospace Systems (MAS) group. The role holder may also be expected to support work on thermofluid experimental development within the group. The role holder will be responsible for ensuring the programme of work is carried out in a robust, well-managed and well-documented manner.

	Main responsibilities (Primary accountabilities and responsibilities expected to fulfil the role)	% time per year
1	<p>Research Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake a wide range of practical experimental measurements, including vibration/dynamics monitoring, on mechanical test rigs with electrical machines and actuators. ▪ Manage the application of a range of robust and rigorous methodologies, analysis and modelling approaches as appropriate to the type of research being pursued. Where appropriate, investigate and devise research methods, and instrumentation/sensors. ▪ Acquire, analyse, interpret and evaluate research findings/data using approaches, techniques, phenomenological models and methods selected or developed for the purpose. ▪ Undertake analytical development and system level analysis of the process to inform design and experimentation. ▪ Support with experimental design approach and setup. ▪ Resolve problems for self and others to meet research objective and deadlines, escalating any issues effectively to senior colleagues. 	70%
2	<p>Stakeholders Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role holder will have to make regular reports to industrial and academic partners. ▪ They will be responsible for monitoring and communicating project milestones/deliverables. ▪ They will also be expected to explain their work to co-workers within the MAS group and occasionally to parties from close collaborators in research groups in other Universities. 	10%
3	<p>Documentation and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role holder will be responsible for ensuring that their work is thoroughly documented such that other researchers can advance this 	15%

	<p>work either simultaneously or subsequently. This applies to any computer programming done as well as design calculations and development of research papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They will attend meetings with colleagues and stakeholders, both within the university and with industrial partners. ▪ They will be required to produce written reports on their work. The individual will need to make these reports professionally written in English and easy to read without extra support. ▪ They will, in conjunction with the project team, write journal papers and submit conference proceedings based upon the outcomes of their work. 	
4	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Researchers within the MAS group are expected to contribute to internal seminar and training activities, by attending and where appropriate presenting. ▪ The role holder will be asked to ensure that they undertake regular continued professional development. ▪ Any other duties as appropriate to this post as requested by the line manager. 	5%

Person specification

	Essential	Desirable
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ability to work independently and proactively manage workload whilst highlighting issues and giving potential solutions. ▪ Able to present complex data clearly to a wide audience to show analysis and outcomes. ▪ Good documentation practice for all work, especially relating to computer coding and experimental setup. ▪ Ability to write and present conference and journal papers ▪ Ability to work in a team and interact/collaborate actively and professionally with industrial partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project management skills
Knowledge and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience in technical report writing for a specialist audience ▪ Strong knowledge of dynamics and dynamic systems. ▪ Significant experience and knowledge in appropriate engineering programming languages. ▪ Experience with Matlab and LabView for both acquisition of data and analysis. ▪ Experience in the practical set up and running of experimental systems, including data gathering and analysis. ▪ Knowledge of solid mechanics and material behaviour. ▪ Experience in having developed and/or adhered to strict safety systems. ▪ Experience in practical hands-on working with machines. ▪ practical experience in experimental techniques, including working on with vibrations and dynamics monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience with CAD packages. ▪ Knowledge of gas/liquid multiphase flows through pipes, valves, pumps and tanks ▪ Experience of modelling fluid flows including heat transfer phenomena using CFD or other appropriate numerical methods ▪ Knowledge of gas/liquid multiphase flows and heat transfer. ▪ Knowledge of fundamental fluid mechanics and thermodynamics ▪ Experience in the use of vibration sensing equipment (such as accelerometers, proximity sensors, and laser vibration measurements) ▪ Experience in signal processing.
Qualifications, certification and training (relevant to role)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An honours degree in a relevant engineering discipline. ▪ A PhD in relevant subject and experience directly related to knowledge/experience topics 	
Statutory, legal or special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Satisfactory basic disclosure obtained from the Disclosure and Barring Service. 	



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Expectations and behaviours

The University has developed a clear set of core expectations and behaviours that our people should be demonstrating in their work, and as ambassadors of the University's strategy, vision and values. The following are essential to the role:

- Valuing people** Is always equitable and fair and works with integrity. Proactively looks for ways to develop the team and is comfortable providing clarity by explaining the rationale behind decisions.
- Taking ownership** Is highly self-aware, looking for ways to improve, both taking on board and offering constructive feedback. Inspires others to take accountability for their own areas.
- Forward thinking** Driven to question the status quo and explore new ideas, supporting the team to “lead the way” in terms of know-how and learning.
- Professional pride** Sets the bar high with quality systems and control measures in place. Demands high standards of others identifying and addressing any gaps to enhance the overall performance.
- Always inclusive** Ensures accessibility to the wider community, actively encouraging inclusion and seeking to involve others. Ensures others always consider the wider context when sharing information making full use of networks and connections.

Key relationships with others

