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"I've worked in Spain, Germany and Mexico, and the tools we have at the University of Arizona are absolutely incredible – the best tools, technology and interaction with professors." - Christian Davila-Peralta, PhD student

Research Focus Areas
- Dynamics and Control
- Fluid Dynamics
- Solid Mechanics
- Thermosciences

Degrees
- PhD Mechanical Engineering
- MS Mechanical Engineering (online option)
- ME Robotics and Automation

Funding options throughout degree lifecycle

Application Deadlines
- Fall: January 1
- Spring: June 1

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Having these researchers, pillars in their fields, under the same roof gives our department an edge in being able to bridge gaps in knowledge and best prepare our faculty and students to solve problems.

- Alex Craig, assistant professor

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**Faculty Expertise**

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- spacecraft GNC
- astrodynamics
- nonlinear dynamics, vibration and control
- stability, control and estimation in periodic, delayed and fractional systems

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- high-power electronics
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- multi-functional materials
- failure analysis
- fatigue
- thermo-mechanical properties
- biomaterials design and characterization

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- energy-water nexus
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- energy and power systems

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- active flow control
- boundary layer separation
- plasma actuators
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- decision-making under uncertainty
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- control of separation
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