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MS and PhD Programs

Mechanical Engineering • Theoretical and Applied Mechanics

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The Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering (MechSE) at Illinois offers world-class graduate education and research opportunities with internationally renowned faculty in Mechanical Engineering and Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. As part of The Grainger College of Engineering, MechSE offers unique and exceptional resources for students to conduct world-changing research.

Our innovation-rich environment and focus on the cutting-edge creates a graduate experience that allows you to push the boundaries of engineering, science, and creativity. Our graduates are leaders and innovators in research, industry, technology, higher education, and public service.

MechSE’s graduate programs are consistently ranked among the best in the world.

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100% of our incoming PhD track students are now funded through fellowships, research assistantships, and teaching assistantships, and receive full tuition waivers.

22% of our incoming MS/PhD track students in Fall 2021 were women—well above the national average for women graduate engineering students.

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- MS in Mechanical Engineering (ME) — online
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Unparalleled Research Opportunities

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- Biomechanics
- Controls and Dynamics
- Fluids and Thermal Sciences
- Nanomechanics and Nanomanufacturing
- Solids and Materials

Opportunities to Engage

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