

Assistant/Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering
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Department Aerospace, Physics & Space Sciences
Institution Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Florida

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Application Deadline Open until filled

Position Start Date Aug. 4, 2025

Job Categories Assistant Professor
Associate Professor

Academic Field(s) Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautics

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Job Description

The Department of Aerospace, Physics and Space Sciences (APSS) at the Florida Institute of Technology invites applications for multiple full-time tenure track or tenured (Assistant or Associate Professor) positions in the Aerospace Engineering program with the start date of August 2025.

Successful candidates must have a commitment to teaching excellence at undergraduate and graduate levels, develop a nationally recognized externally funded research program, and contribute to the institution and profession through service. A Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering or a closely related

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field is required for consideration. We seek candidates with research interests and expertise in (i) Spacecraft Design and Space Mission Engineering and (ii) Aerospace Composite Structures. Both theoretical and/or experimental background are suitable for these positions. Candidates with exceptional strength in other areas of aerospace engineering would also be considered.

The current aerospace engineering faculty have research strengths in multiple areas such as: space vehicle dynamics & control, intelligent machines and autonomous aerospace systems, mechanics of advanced composites and cellular structures, composite structural health monitoring, high-fidelity numerical flow simulations, and modeling advanced energetic materials for solid propellants. Florida Tech has recently committed over \$14 million to enhance engineering and science research infrastructure. These include research lab renovations, composites manufacturing and testing (autoclave, walk-in oven, ultrasonic C-scan, multi-axial load frame), materials characterization (SEM, TEM, AFM, micro-CT scanner), and spacecraft manufacturing (ISO6 clean rooms, thermal vacuum testing chambers, Sun simulator, vibration shaker, satellite ADCS test stand with air bearing & Helmholtz Cage). A similar level of investment is expected for the upcoming years.

Information about the Department of Aerospace, Physics and Space Sciences, as well as the College of Engineering and Science, can be found at <http://floridatech.edu/apss/>. The Department has 34 faculty members representing diverse fields, including aerospace engineering, physics, astrophysics, astronomy, astrobiology, and planetary sciences. The APSS Department currently serves over 800 students, of which approximately 500 undergraduate and 70 graduate students are aerospace engineering majors, making the Aerospace Engineering program one of the largest on campus.

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Florida Tech is a national, private, not-for-profit, technological, co-educational, doctoral-granting, research-intensive university. The university is ranked Top 100 Best Value University (U.S. News & World Report), 17th in U.S. Graduate Employability (Global Employability University Ranking), and Top 6% Best Return on Investment (Payscale). The University consists of four colleges: College of Aeronautics, College of Business, College of Engineering and Science and College of Psychology and Liberal Arts. Florida Tech offers more than 200 associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, as well as Ed.S. and certificate programs. Florida Tech has over 9,200 students including Melbourne campus, off-campus sites, and online programs and 424 faculty members. More than 70,000 students from more than 120 countries have earned degrees from Florida Tech. Notable alumni include five space shuttle astronauts, the first female four-star general in U.S. military history, and a National Teacher of the Year. Located on 130 subtropical acres in the City of Melbourne on Florida's "Space Coast," Florida Tech's campus is an Arbor Day Foundation-designated "Tree Campus USA." The Florida Tech campus is about 2 miles from Melbourne Airport, 6 miles from the nearest beach, 45 miles to the NASA Kennedy Space Center, and 75 miles to the Orlando area. The Milken Institute ranks the Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, Florida, USA the No. 25 best-performing large city in the U.S.

All applications must be submitted through <https://www.fit.edu/employment/> (Florida Tech Employment webpage). Candidates should submit a single PDF document containing: 1. Cover letter, 2. Curriculum Vitae, 3. Statement of research experience and interests, 4. Statement of teaching experience and philosophy, 5. Diversity statement, and 6. Contact information for at least three references.

Applications received by **January 15, 2025** will be given full consideration, but the position will remain open until filled. Florida Tech is an equal opportunity employer. The Department is building a diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. Women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

For further information, please contact:

Dr. Ratneshwar (Ratan) Jha, *Department Head & L3Harris Chair Professor*, Department of Aerospace, Physics and Space Sciences, via rjha@fit.edu.

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Contact Information

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