

Assistant Professor - Mechanical Engineering
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Job Title Assistant Professor - Mechanical Engineering
Department Mechanical Engineering
Institution University of California Berkeley
Berkeley, California

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Application Deadline 11/09/2025
Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Assistant Professor

Academic Field(s) Mechanical Engineering

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Job Description

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Position overview

Position title: Assistant Professor

Salary range: The current salary range for this position is \$107,100 - \$157,800 (9-month academic year salary); however, off-scale salary and other components of pay, which would yield compensation that is higher than this range, are offered to meet competitive conditions.

Anticipated start: July 1, 2026, or a later, mutually agreed-upon date.

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Application Window

Open date: September 19, 2025

Next review date: Sunday, Nov 9, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Sunday, Nov 9, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

Position description

The University of California, Berkeley, Department of Mechanical Engineering seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level. The department is conducting a broad area search, with a particular focus on candidates whose research is in the following areas of critical need: Human Health and Biomechanical Engineering; MEMS and Nanoscale Systems Engineering; and Materials for Mechanical Engineering. We seek candidates that can develop and lead a vibrant research program that will advance the department's efforts to address society's grand challenges, as well as provide instructional excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Applicants whose research connects strongly to the area of Fluid Mechanics are advised to apply to our separate targeted search in that area.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering is part of the College of Engineering in the University of California, Berkeley, a premier public university. The Mechanical Engineering undergraduate and PhD programs are both consistently ranked among the top programs nationwide, attracting talented and diverse students and researchers.

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, the foremost technology hub in the United States, the ME department has strong connections with many of the world's leading companies in a variety of industries. Department faculty benefit from affiliations and strong collaborations with a variety of pre-eminent research centers located in proximity to campus, including the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, UC San Francisco Medical Center, NASA Ames Research Center, and many others.

The department is committed to addressing the family needs of faculty, including dual career couples and single parents. We are also interested in candidates who have had non-traditional career paths or who have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside academia. For information about potential relocation to Berkeley, or career needs of accompanying partners and spouses, please visit: <http://ofew.berkeley.edu/new-faculty>

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For more information about the Department: <https://www.me.berkeley.edu/>

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Applicants must have a PhD (or equivalent international degree), or be enrolled in a PhD-granting program (or equivalent international degree) at the time of application.

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Cover Letter - Please introduce yourself as a candidate, summarizing your accomplishments in research, teaching, and service, and highlighting synergies between your research interests and ongoing work in the department or campus.
- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Research Statement - Please discuss research accomplishments including significant publications or other research products. Highlight the originality, creativity, and significance of your work in the field, as well as broader impacts, or potential impacts, of this work. Describe a compelling vision of your research to be conducted in the next 5-10 years with an emphasis on how you will establish a successful, extramurally-funded program aligned with critical needs areas of the department. Describe any applicable synergies with collaborators or resources at UC Berkeley or the surrounding ecosystem.
- Teaching, Mentoring, and Service Statement - Please discuss prior teaching experience, teaching approach, and future teaching interests, including specific efforts and plans to support the success of all students through curriculum, classroom environment, and pedagogy. Please also discuss your prior experiences and approach for mentoring students in research and in the classroom, including large class sizes (e.g., ~100 students). Please also discuss specific prior and proposed academic, professional and/or public service activities. This can include, for example, participating in professional or scientific associations, serving on committees that advance department, campus or discipline goals, and conducting outreach activities that can remove barriers and increase participation of academics in your field.
- Publication (1 of 3) - One publication is required, and up to three may be submitted.
- Publication (2 of 3) (Optional)
- Publication (3 of 3) (Optional)
- Authorization to Release Information Form - A reference check will be completed only if you are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. Download,

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Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

Please provide names and contact information for three professional references. We will only contact your references to request letters if you are advanced to the second round of review for the position.

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Job location

Berkeley, CA

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