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The Mechanical Engineering Department at Wayne State University invites candidates to apply for a tenure-track faculty position. We expect to make the appointment at the Assistant Professor level, but will consider exceptional senior-level candidates with a strong track record of major external funding and peer-reviewed publications.

Applicants must have an earned doctorate in mechanical or aerospace engineering or related fields with a concentration in one of the following areas:

- Advanced materials and manufacturing encompassing the implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning in design and manufacturing, materials informatics and big data design, smart manufacturing, characterization and processing of materials, scalable and adaptable manufacturing processes.
- Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) technology, advanced propulsion technologies, including electric and hybrid systems, unmanned systems flight dynamics, control and autonomy, energy storage solutions to increase range and efficiency for electric VTOL aircraft.

Duties involve teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels, introducing new courses in the applicant's respective field of expertise, developing a strong record of peer-reviewed journal publications, establishing an impactful and sustainable externally funded research program, supervising and mentoring both graduate and undergraduate students, and engaging in professional societies and university services.

The anticipated starting date of employment is August 18, 2026. This position is a 9-month appointment. All applicants must submit their applications through the WSU Online Hiring System at <https://waynetalent.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/2/home/requisition/2277?c=waynetalent>

posting No. req2277. Electronic applications must include a letter of application; curriculum vita; names, addresses, and contact information for at least three references, a personal statement regarding teaching and research activities (limited to 3 pages), and selected refereed journal publications (limited to 3 papers). **Emailed applications will not be accepted.** The review of applications will begin on December 1, 2025 and the search will remain open until the position is filled. Salary and rank of position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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