CASE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Engineering seeks to create new processes, products, methods, materials, or systems that impact and are beneficial to our society. To enable its graduates to lead the advancement of technology, the Case School of Engineering (http://engineering.case.edu/) offers fourteen degree programs at the undergraduate level (twelve engineering degrees, plus the BS in computer science and the BS in data science and analytics). At the post-graduate level, the School of Engineering offers Master of Science programs and the Doctor of Philosophy for advanced, research-based study in engineering. The Case School of Engineering offers two specialized degrees at the master’s level: a Master of Engineering specifically for practicing engineers, and an integrated Master of Engineering and Management jointly administered with the Weatherhead School of Management. The Case School of Engineering also offers two dual-degrees at the graduate level jointly administered with the School of Medicine: a Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science and a Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy. The faculty and students participate in a variety of research activities offered through the departments and the interdisciplinary research centers of the university.

At the core of its vision, the Case School of Engineering seeks to set the standards for excellence, innovation, and distinction in engineering education and research prominence.

Statement of Educational Philosophy

The Case School of Engineering prepares and challenges its students to take positions of leadership in the professions of engineering and computer science. Recognizing the increasing role of technology in virtually every facet of our society, it is vital that engineering students have access to progressive and cutting-edge programs stressing five areas of excellence:

- Mastery of fundamentals
- Creativity
- Societal awareness
- Leadership skills
- Professionalism

Emphasizing these core values helps ensure that tomorrow’s graduates are valued and contributing members of our global society and that they will carry out the tradition of engineering leadership established by our alumni.

The undergraduate program aims to create life-long learners by emphasizing engineering fundamentals based on mathematics, physical, and natural sciences. Curricular programs are infused with engineering innovation, professionalism (including engineering ethics and the role of engineering in society), professional communications, and multidisciplinary experiences to encourage and develop leadership skills. To encourage societal awareness, students are exposed to and have the opportunity for in-depth study in the humanities, social sciences, and business aspects of engineering. Undergraduate students are encouraged to develop as professionals. Opportunities include the Cooperative Education Program, on-campus research activities, and participation in the student chapters of professional societies. Graduates are prepared to enter the workforce and be strong contributors as practicing engineers or continue for advanced study in engineering.

At the graduate level, the Case School of Engineering combines advanced classroom study with a rigorous independent research experience leading to significant results appropriate for publication in archival journals and/or presentation at leading technical conferences. Scientific integrity, engineering ethics, and communication skills are emphasized throughout the program.

Brief History

The Case School of Engineering was established on July 1, 1992, by an action of the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University as a professional school dedicated to serving society and meeting the needs of industry, government and academia through programs of teaching and research.

The Case School of Engineering continues the tradition of rigorous programs based on fundamental principles of mathematics, science and engineering that have been the hallmark of its two predecessors, the Case School of Applied Science (1880) and the Case Institute of Technology (1947). The formation of the Case School of Engineering is a re-commitment to the obligations of the gift of Leonard Case, Jr., to serve the citizens of Northern Ohio. The Case School of Engineering has been a leader in many educational programs, being the first engineering school to offer undergraduate programs in computer engineering, biomedical engineering, polymer engineering, and systems and control engineering.

Statistics

Enrollment Statistics by Degree Program (Fall 2015 through Fall 2019). Data reflects sophomore, junior and senior declared Majors.

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### Administration

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(Stanford University)  
*Charles H. Phipps Dean of the Case School of Engineering*
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• Polymer Science and Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/macromolecularscieng/#undergraduatetext)
• Systems and Control Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/eleccompsyseng/#undergraduatetext)

Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in General Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/generalengineering/) (for programs that emphasize interdisciplinary areas or for programs that include some emphasis on non-technical fields)

Bachelor of Science in Engineering/Master of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering/Master of Science
  • Aerospace Engineering
  • Biomedical Engineering
  • Chemical Engineering
  • Civil Engineering
  • Computer Engineering
  • Computing and Information Science
  • Electrical Engineering
  • Materials Science and Engineering
  • Mechanical Engineering
  • Polymer Science and Engineering/Macromolecular Science and Engineering
  • Systems and Control Engineering

Master of Engineering (practice-oriented program)

Master of Engineering and Management

Master of Science with the following major field designations:
  • Aerospace Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/mechaeroeng/#graduatetext)
  • Biomedical Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/biomedicaleng/#graduatetext)
  • Chemical Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/chemicaleng/#graduatetext)
  • Civil Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/civileng/#graduatetext)
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  • Systems and Control Engineering (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/eleccompsyseng/#graduatetext)

Master of Science

Master of Science with the following major field designations and optional track:
  • Biomedical Engineering:
    - Translational Health Technology
  • Macromolecular Science and Engineering:
  • Fire Science and Engineering

Master of Science in Engineering, (Undesignated) (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/msundesignated/)

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy with the following major field designations:
  • Aerospace Engineering
  • Biomedical Engineering
  • Chemical Engineering
  • Civil Engineering
  • Computer Engineering
  • Computing and Information Science
  • Electrical Engineering
  • Macromolecular Science and Engineering
  • Materials Science and Engineering
  • Mechanical Engineering
  • Systems and Control Engineering

Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy with the following major field designations:
  • Biomedical Engineering
  • Mechanical Engineering

Engineering Minors

Students enrolled in other majors may elect to pursue a minor. The minor program advisor’s approval is required. The successful completion of a minor will be indicated on a student’s transcript. For a full list of engineering and university minors, go to the Office of Undergraduate Studies (https://case.edu/ugstudies/programs-requirements/majors-minors/) website.

List of Minors

Engineering Minors
  • Biomedical Engineering
  • Chemical Engineering
  • Civil Engineering
  • Computer Engineering
  • Computer Science
  • Electrical Engineering
  • Materials Science and Engineering
  • Polymer Science and Engineering
  • Systems and Control Engineering
University Minors
- Artificial Intelligence (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/comppdatasci/#undergratuetext)
- Applied Data Science (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/datascience/#minortext)
- Computer Gaming (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/comppdatasci/#undergratuetext)
- Mechanical Design and Manufacturing (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/mechaeoeng/#undergratuetext)

Bachelor of Science in Engineering
In addition to the major department requirements, each engineering undergraduate degree program includes the Engineering Core (Engineering General Education Requirements), which provides a foundation in mathematics and sciences as well as aspects of engineering fundamentals for programs in engineering. The Engineering Core is also designed to develop communication skills and to provide a body of work in areas of study outside of engineering, science, and mathematics. Requirements of the Engineering Core can be found in the Undergraduate Studies (http://bulletin.case.edu/undergraduatestudies/csedegree/) section of this bulletin. Details of the specific curricular requirements for the undergraduate majors are described in the respective departmental descriptions. Details of the requirements of the general engineering undergraduate degree are described under the General Engineering description.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering/ Master of Science
The integrated BS/MS program is intended for highly motivated and qualified undergraduate students who wish to pursue an advanced degree. Students admitted to the program may, in the senior year, take up to nine credits of graduate courses that will count toward both BS and MS requirements.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering/ Master of Engineering
Students who have received a BS degree in engineering or computer science from the Case School of Engineering, and who are accepted for admission into the Master of Engineering (ME) degree program within a period of 24 months after graduation, are entitled to transfer up to 6 credit hours of course work from their BS degree to their ME degree program.

The courses to be considered for transfer should be specified at the time of application to the ME program, and require approval by the director of the Master of Engineering Program and the Dean of Engineering. Once approved, a request for an internal transfer of credit will be sent to the Registrar, and these courses will be included in the student’s Academic Program for the ME degree.

Core Courses
- EPOM 400 Leadership and Interpersonal Skills 3
- EPOM 401 Introduction to Business for Engineers 3
- EPOM 403 Product and Process Design and Implementation 3
- EPOM 405 Applied Engineering Statistics 3
Technical Electives
Four courses are chosen from concentration areas.

Concentration in Biomedical Engineering
EBME 401D Biomedical Instrumentation and Signal Processing 3
EBME 406 Polymers in Medicine 3
EBME 410 Medical Imaging Fundamentals 3
EBME 421 Bioelectric Phenomena 3
EBME 432 Quantitative Analysis of Physiological Systems 3
EBME 440 Translational Research for Biomedical Engineers 3
EBME 451 Molecular and Cellular Physiology 3
EBME 471 Principles of Medical Device Design and Innovation 3

Concentration in Engineering, Innovation Management & Leadership
EPOM 410 Intellectual Property Management and Opportunity Assessment 3
EPOM 411 Innovation - the Confluence of Need, Requirements and Creativity 3
EPOM 412 Technology Transfer and Collaboration 3
EPOM 413 Innovation, Strategy & Leadership: Contemporary Approach to Future Growth 3

Concentration in Mechanical Engineering
EMAE 450 Advanced Mechanical Engineering Analysis 3
EMAE 456 Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems in Biology and Medicine (BioMEMS) 3
EMAE 460 Theory and Design of Fluid Power Machinery 3
EMAE 480 Fatigue of Materials 3
EMAE 481 Advanced Dynamics I 3
EMAE 487 Vibration Problems in Engineering 3
EMAE 494 Energy Systems 3

Concentration in Systems & Control Engineering
ECSE 401 Digital Signal Processing 3
ECSE 404 Digital Control Systems 3
ECSE 408 Introduction to Linear Systems 3
ECSE 416 Convex Optimization for Engineering 3
ECSE 468 Power System Analysis I 3

Master of Engineering and Management
The Master of Engineering and Management (MEM) program provides the business context and leadership skills needed to uniquely position graduates for rapid advancement in technology-orientated organizations. MEM is the result of years of research and interviews with over 110 professionals and twenty-eight corporations across the country. This interdisciplinary, joint degree program combines the problem-solving rigor of the Case School of Engineering and the organizational insights of the Weatherhead School of Management. MEM is a 1 year, lock-step program that starts every year in June. This program is designed for engineering majors only and is focused on developing the high-impact talent companies are actively seeking. Students can enter this program after their junior year or upon graduation.

Curriculum
The program includes 36 credit hours of graded coursework. The 10-course core sequence makes up 30 of the required credit hours. For the remaining 6 credit hours, students can choose from any 400 level Case School of Engineering course for which prerequisites are met or select Weatherhead School of Management courses. Below is the list of required core courses and a representative sample of elective courses.

Required Core Courses (30 credit hours)
IIME 400 Leadership Assessment and Development (LEAD) 3
IIME 410 Accounting, Finance, and Engineering Economics 3
IIME 425 Understanding People and Change in Organizations 3
IIME 430A Product Design and Development I 3
IIME 430B Product and Process Design, Development, and Delivery II 3
IIME 432 Operations Research and Supply Chain Management 3
IIME 440 Six Sigma and Quality Management 3
IIME 450 Engineering Entrepreneurship 3
IIME 475 Technology Marketing Strategy 3
IIME 476 - Applied Statistics for Data Science - Summer 2020 3

Elective Courses (6 credit hours)
IIME 411 New Venture Finance
IIME 415 Materials and Manufacturing Processes
IIME 419 Entrepreneurship and Personal Wealth Creation
IIME 424 Chief Executive Officer
IIME 435 Enterprise Resource Planning in the Supply Chain
IIME 446 Models of Health Care Systems (*)
IIME 447 Regulatory Affairs for the Biosciences (*)
IIME 472 BioDesign
IIME 473 Fundamentals of Clinical Information Systems
DSCI 451 Exploratory Data Science
DSCI 452 Applied Data Science Research
DSCI 453 Data Science: Statistical Learning, Modeling and Prediction
Master of Science

Recognizing the different needs and objectives of resident and non-resident graduate students pursuing the master’s degree, three different tracks are offered. In all plans, transfer of credit from another university is limited to six hours of graduate-level courses, taken in excess of the requirements for an undergraduate degree, approved by the student’s advisor, the department chair, and the dean of graduate studies.

By the end of the second semester of enrollment, all Master of Science degree programs require an approved Planned Program of Study or a defined Academic Requirements Report, hereafter referred to as the student’s Academic Program, via the Student Information System. Revisions must be submitted and approved via the Student Information System when any change in the Academic Program occurs.

A cumulative quality-point average of 3.0 or above in all courses taken for credit as a graduate student at Case Western Reserve University (excluding grades in thesis research and grades of R) is required for the award of the master’s degree.

The University requires all foreign applicants to show English Proficiency by achieving a TOEFL score of at least 90 on the internet-based exam for a thesis-focused or a project-focused track. For a course-focused track a minimum TOEFL score of 80 is required. If there is any professional student to student interaction, e.g. as a teaching assistant, a lab instructor, or a tutor, then a minimum TOEFL score of 90 is required.

Master’s Thesis-Focused Track

Minimum requirements for the degree of Master of Science in a major field under this plan include a total of 30 hours of coursework and thesis work with the:

1. Completion of at least 18 hours of graduate coursework at the 400 level or higher. The courses must be approved by the department offering the degree.
2. Completion of at least 9 hours of thesis work culminating in a thesis examination given by at least three professors, plus approval by the chair of the department offering the degree. A student with research experience equivalent to a thesis may petition the Graduate Committee of the Case School of Engineering for substitution of nine hours of coursework for the thesis requirement. In this case, the thesis examination above is replaced by a similar examination covering the submitted research work and publications. Additional requirements may be specified by individual degree programs.

Master’s Course-Focused Track

Completion of 30 hours of approved coursework. At least 24 hours must be at the 400 level or higher, satisfactory completion of the culminating course-focused experience, i.e. passing the course ENGR 600 with requirements defined by the student’s curricular program, and additional requirements as specified by the program. Students should consult with their academic advisor and/or department to determine the detailed requirements within this framework.

Distance Education

The Case School of Engineering offers four graduate degree programs exclusively online, giving working engineers the opportunity to advance their careers from anywhere.

Online degrees (http://online-engineering.case.edu/) are available in the following disciplines:

- Master of Engineering (https://online-engineering.case.edu/masters/)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (https://online-engineering.case.edu/biomedical/)
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (https://online-engineering.case.edu/mechanical/)
- Master of Science in Systems & Control Engineering (https://online-engineering.case.edu/systems/)

The programs are designed for working professionals and can be completed in fewer than two years. All courses are taught by the same faculty who teach graduate students on campus. With the same in-depth, rigorous content delivered in a convenient online format, students who participate in the online programs receive the same robust education and training as traditional on-campus master’s students.

Learn more and apply. (https://online-engineering.case.edu/)

Additional Distance Learning Opportunities

In addition to the online-exclusive programs, the Case School of Engineering offers select classes in its campus-based graduate degree programs in a convenient online format designed for students who need additional flexibility.

Learn more about available online courses. (http://engineering.case.edu/current-students/distance-learning/registration/)
Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science (http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/education/dual_programs.cfm?program_id=11)

Medicine is undergoing a transformation based on the rapid advances in science and technology that are combining to produce more accurate diagnoses, more effective treatments with fewer side effects, and improved ability to prevent disease. The goal of the MD/MS in Engineering is to prepare medical graduates to be leaders in the development and clinical deployment of this technology and to partner with others in technology-based translational research teams.

For further information, see the MD/MS Program in the Biomedical Engineering graduate section of this bulletin (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofengineering/biomedicalengineering/#graduatetext). Interested students should apply through the biomedical engineering department.

Doctor of Philosophy

The student’s PhD program should be designed to prepare him or her for a lifetime of creative activity in research and in professional engineering practice. This may be coupled with a teaching career. The mastery of a significant field of knowledge required to accomplish this purpose is demonstrated by an original contribution to knowledge embodied in a thesis and by satisfactory completion of a comprehensive course program which is intensive in a specific area of study and includes work in other areas related to, but not identical with, the major field. The necessity for breadth as well as depth in the student’s education cannot be overemphasized. To this end, any engineering department may add additional requirements or constraints to ensure depth and breadth appropriate to its field.

No student may be admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree before approval of his or her Academic Program via the Student Information System. After this approval has been obtained, it is the responsibility of the student’s department to notify the dean of graduate studies of the necessity for breadth as well as depth in the student’s education. All programs of study must include departmental 400T, 500T, and 600T courses to reflect this requirement. All students fulfilling teaching duties must complete UNIV 400A or UNIV 400B.

5. The minimum course requirement beyond the BS level is 36 credit hours of courses taken for credit, at least 18 hours of which must be taken at Case Western Reserve University. The following courses taken for credit will be acceptable for a PhD program of study:
   i. All 400-, 500-, and 600-level courses
   ii. Approved graduate-level courses taken at other institutions

2. A minimum depth in basic science equivalent to six semester hours (for credit) is required. This requirement is to be satisfied by courses that have been previously approved by the faculty of the department in which the student is enrolled.

3. The requirement for breadth is normally satisfied by a minimum of 12 semester hours of courses (for credit) outside the student’s major area of concentration as defined by the student’s department and does not include courses taken to fulfill the basic science requirement.

4. A minimum of three teaching experiences as defined by the student’s department. All programs of study must include departmental 400T, 500T, and 600T courses to reflect this requirement. All students fulfilling teaching duties must complete UNIV 400A or UNIV 400B.

Qualifying Examination

The student must pass a qualifying examination relevant to his or her area of study as designated by the curricular department with which he or she is affiliated. For students who obtain the MS degree from Case Western Reserve University, the qualifying examination should be taken preferably before the end of the student’s fourth semester of graduate study but no later than the end of the fifth semester at the university. For students entering with the master’s degree, the examination should be taken no later than the end of the third semester at the university.

Program of Study

Before registering for the last 18 credit hours of the program, all Doctor of Philosophy degree programs require an approved Planned Program of Study or a defined Academic Requirements Report, hereafter referred to as the student’s Academic Program, via the Student Information System. Revisions must be submitted and approved via the Student Information System when any change in the Academic Program occurs.

If the student is pursuing the PhD degree without acquiring the MS degree, a petition to waive the requirement of the MS degree should be approved by the departmental advisor and the chair and submitted to the dean of graduate studies. All required courses taken at the university beyond the BS degree should be shown on the Academic Program with the grade if completed. If the requirements are to be fulfilled in ways other than the standard described above, a memorandum requesting approval should be submitted to the dean of graduate studies.

The Academic Program must be submitted within one semester after passing the qualifying examination.

Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy (http://mstp.case.edu/)

Students with outstanding qualifications may apply to the MD/PhD program. Students interested in obtaining a combined MD/PhD, with an emphasis on basic research in biomedical engineering are strongly encouraged to explore the Medical Scientist Training Program (https://case.edu/medicine/admissions-programs/md-phd-program/) (MSTP), administered by the School of Medicine. For further information, please see the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) section of this bulletin (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofmedicine/dualdegreeprograms/#medicalsciencestrainingprogramtext). Interested students should apply through the MSTP office (mstp@case.edu) in the School of Medicine.

Interdisciplinary Research Centers

Interdisciplinary research centers act as intensive incubators for students and faculty doing research and studying applications in specialized areas. Research centers and research programs at the Case School of Engineering have been organized to pursue cutting-edge research in collaboration with industrial and government partners. The transfer of technology to industry is emphasized in all the centers.
The educational programs of these centers encompass the training of graduate students in advanced methods and strategies, thus preparing them to become important contributors to industry after graduation; the involvement of undergraduates in research; the presentation of seminars that are open to interested members of the community; and outreach to public schools to keep teachers abreast of scientific advances and to kindle the interest of students in seeking careers in engineering.

**Advanced Manufacturing and Mechanical Reliability Center (AMMRC)**

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The Advanced Manufacturing and Mechanical Reliability Center (AMMRC) was established to provide advanced manufacturing (e.g. deformation processing, extrusion, forming, etc.) and mechanical characterization (e.g. mechanical testing, reliability testing, fatigue, etc.) expertise to the CWRU campus, medical, industrial, legal, outside university, and government laboratory communities. The center, housed in the Charles M. White Metallurgy building, currently maintains equipment valued in excess of $4.5M and has been accessed by the local, national, and international communities. The CWRU campus community can access the facility via the use of a valid CWRU university account number that will be charged at an internal rate for machine time, including set up and any technician time involved. Long-term testing can be provided at pro-rated charges in consultation with the center directors. Arrangements can be made to train users on the equipment and reserve time for equipment use by contacting the center co-director. Outside (i.e. non-CWRU) users can access the facility via a number of different mechanisms by contacting the center director.

In general, the center is capable of mechanically evaluating and deformation processing materials that range in size scale from the micrometer range up through bulk quantities. This unique facility enables mechanical characterization at loading rates as low as one micrometer/hour (i.e. rate of fingernail growth) up through impact (e.g. 3-4 meters/sec) at temperatures ranging from -196°C (i.e. liquid nitrogen) up to 1400°C. Hot microhardness testing up to 1000°C is available. Monotonic as well as cyclic fatigue testing is possible in addition to evaluations of mechanical behavior and processing with superimposed pressures up to 2 GPa. Novel high-rate and multiple-deformation sequence forging simulations are possible with the use of a multi-actuator forging simulator, in addition to sheet metal forming experimentation with independent control of forming rate and blank hold down force. Hot extrusion is also possible at temperatures up to 900°C on 0.5” diameter billets. Materials systems that have been investigated span the range of organic and inorganic materials, including metals, ceramics, polymers, composites, electronic materials, and biomedical materials systems. Descriptions of specific equipment and capabilities are provided with the website link.

**Advanced Platform Technology (APT) Center**

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The Advanced Platform Technology (APT) Center at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center is a designated Center in the Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D) Service. Established in 2005 as a collaboration between the Cleveland VA Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), the APT Center focuses on addressing the medical needs of veterans with sensorimotor dysfunction, cognitive impairment, or limb-loss through the application of cutting-edge technologies or rehabilitation techniques and translating them from proof of concept to viable clinical options. The APT Center captures advances in material science, microfabrication and microsystem design, neural engineering, mechanics, and communications that are organized into four thematic clinical Application Areas - Prosthetics & Orthotics, Health Monitoring & Maintenance, Neural Interfacing, and Activity-Based Neurorehabilitation. Over 50 engineers and clinician scientists at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, CWRU, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, University of Michigan, and Cornell University are affiliated with the APT Center and contribute to its mission. The APT Center is able to provide or facilitate access to the following resources:

- Neural modeling and analysis of interface designs
- Polymer and bioactive material development
- Microelectromechanical (MEMS) systems design and fabrication
- 3-D and laser printing/prototyping, mechanical testing, and dynamic simulation
- Pre-clinical in vitro and in vivo verification of device performance
- Circuit, sensor, and software design and fabrication
- System validation and design control documentation
- Professional engineering support and project management
- Administrative support for intellectual property protection, regulatory affairs, and quality systems

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**Breakthrough Electrolytes for Energy Storage Energy Frontier Research Center**

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The Center for Breakthrough Electrolytes for Energy Storage is a DOE EFRC center intended to identify new battery chemistries with the potential to provide large, long-lasting energy storage solutions for facilitating the introduction of intermittent renewable energy and for enhancing power grid efficiency. The research of the BEES focuses on understanding the fundamental underpinnings of electrochemistry, structure, and transport properties of several new classes of materials that can be tailored to give optimal properties. BEES is led by CWRU and collaborates with several other universities and two National Labs.
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The CMPL houses state-of-the-art, melting and casting capabilities for a wide range of ferrous and non-ferrous alloys. The facility has a unique combination of laboratory and industrial scale equipment. Research projects with federal and industrial support are carried out by teams of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students. Computer Aided Design, flow and solidification simulation, and rapid prototyping tools are used to optimize our casting process. Sand and permanent mold castings are available on a moderate scale (to 1500 lbs) using our induction melters. Our facility provides hands-on experiential learning opportunities for engineering students in laboratory classes and summer research programs.

Facilities

• Industrial UBE 350 Ton Vertical Squeeze casting machine (with preheatable tooling for manufacturing of high integrity parts)
• Induction melting furnaces with a 350 kW/1000 Hz Inductotherm power supply (up to 1,500 lb. steel capacity)
• Vacuum induction melting and casting furnace using a 35 kW/10 kHz Inductotherm power supply (up to 50 lb. capacity)
• Lindberg 75 kW electrical melting furnace (up to 800 lb. of aluminum capacity)
• Thermal Fatigue Testing Unit for die material qualification in molten aluminum (a.k.a. Dunkers)
• Permanent molds for casting test bars and evaluation of molten metal quality
• Sand molding and sand testing equipment
• Equipment for melting and casting magnesium alloys
• Computer modeling workstation with flow and heat transfer finite element software

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CAPP is a state-of-the-art center for advanced polymer blending and compounding and reactive extrusion at CWRU able to perform basic research and applied research and development in support of the Ohio and US plastics industry. The main tools of CAPP are:

• State-of-the-art sensors that allow multiple rheological, physical, chemical and morphological quantities to be measured along the screw axis of twin-screw extruders;
• Advanced multi-scale computational simulation capabilities to build physical-chemical-structural models of polymer systems under flow in realistic polymer transformation processes;
• Integration of on-line sensors and multi-scale softwares to develop new advanced and functional multiphase complex materials or optimize the performance of existing ones.

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The Center for Biomaterials carries out research and development projects to investigate new biomaterials, tissue engineered materials, and targeted drug delivery systems for use in cardiovascular applications and implants. The Center for Biomaterials also provides researchers access to shared use facilities, which includes high-resolution microscopy such as AFM, molecular spectroscopies, surface analysis, and polymer and peptide synthesis capabilities. The chemical and mechanical interface between the biomaterial and the host tissue are the focus of major study, with the goals being to improve biologic function and biocompatibility in the response of the human body to implants. Current projects include investigation of thrombosis (blood clotting) and infection mechanisms due to cardiovascular prosthesis, biomimetic design of novel biomaterials for cardiovascular and neural implants; and cardiovascular and neural tissue engineering based on biomimetic designs. Studies at the cell and molecular level assist our understanding of the underlying mechanisms so that novel biomedical materials may be designed, prepared, and characterized.

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The Center of Computational Imaging and Personalized Diagnostics at Case Western Reserve University is involved in various different aspects of developing, evaluating and applying novel artificial intelligence, quantitative image analysis, computer vision, signal processing, segmentation, multi-modal co-registration tools, pattern recognition, and machine learning tools for disease diagnosis, prognosis, and theragnosis in the context of more than 13 disease areas including cardiovascular, kidney, and eye disease; and multiple cancers: breast, prostate, lung, head and neck, brain tumors and colorectal. The group is also exploring the utility of these methods in studying correlations of disease markers across multiple length scales, modalities, and functionalities -from gene and protein expression to spectroscopy to digital pathology and to multi-parametric MRI and CT.

The Center has a team of 60 (faculty, staff, and students) with more than 375 publications, more than 100 patents issued or pending, 16 patents licensed and more than $45 million in funding since its founding in 2012. The team has more than 40 collaborations locally, nationally and globally.

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CDES mission is to discover, develop, and translate novel dielectric technologies for energy storage and capacitor applications. Researching high energy density, high temperature, and low loss dielectric film capacitors, we integrate these innovations with storage devices, hybrid electric vehicles, multi-megawatt power conditioning, pulsed power, and high energy physics applications. Originating from the Center for Layered Polymeric Systems (CLiPS), a National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center focuses on research, innovation, and education through a unique multilayer film technology. CDES extends this technology into new energy frontiers.

CDES has access to state-of-the-art equipment, which includes process equipment for fabricating, stretching, and testing dielectric films, including:

- Novocontrol Concept 80 Broadband Dielectrics Spectrometer
- Radiant Premier II Ferroelectric Tester

In addition to research, CDES plays a significant role in educating undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral associates to work in advanced energy material fields.

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The mission of the Center for the Evaluation of Implant Performance is to pursue engineering, scientific, and economic analyses of joint replacement procedures, to evaluate the performance of implant devices during patient use, and to assess the medical and economic outcomes of joint reconstruction and related patient care. This mission is achieved in part through IRB-approved collection, maintenance, and protection of clinical and radiographic information and total joint replacement components obtained at revision or removal surgery. The primary goals are to advance the science of joint replacement surgery by improving the performance and durability of joint replacement devices through advances in implant materials and design and to innovate improvements in patient care processes that result in improved patient outcomes. To this end, the Center for the Evaluation of Implant Performance works in close partnership and collaboration with the Center for Joint Replacement and Preservation at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center.

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CLiPS researchers and educators work together to accomplish the Center's mission of advancing the nation's science and technology agenda through development of new materials systems and for educating a diverse American workforce through interdisciplinary education programs.

CLiPS research focuses on exploration of multilayered polymeric systems at the micro- and nano-layer levels and has revealed unique properties and capabilities that are different, and often not predicted, from systems involving the same materials on a larger scale. Technology refined within CLiPS allows the production of films and membranes composed of hundreds or thousands of layers. These extremely thin layers promote interactions approaching the molecular level between the materials used in the process.

The research activities are organized into five platforms to exploit the microlayer and nanolayer structures: (1) Rheology and New Processing focuses on integrating rheology into the multilayering process, and will explore combinations of rheologically dissimilar materials to create new polymer-based structures; (2) advanced Membranes and Transport Phenomena that exploit the layered hierarchy to achieve unique transport properties; (3) novel Optic and Electronic Systems based on the advanced layered materials; (4) Science and Technology Initiatives that probe a fundamental understanding and explore new opportunities for the layered structures; and (5) Templated Interfaces and Reactions looking at polymer materials that are amenable to patterning and ordering, and exhibit a specific field response. Of particular interest are polymer systems and nanomaterials that are appropriate for biological applications.

CLiPS was established in 2006 with funding by the National Science Foundation as a Science and Technology Center. It is the first NSF STC ever to be established at Case Western Reserve University. CLiPS is a national center involving close partnership with the University of Texas, Fisk University, the University of Southern Mississippi, and the Naval Research Laboratory, and an important educational partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

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Functional electrical stimulation (FES) is the use of small, artificially generated electrical currents that are safely and selectively applied to the central or peripheral nervous system to replace the actions of neurons that have been damaged by injury or disease. FES can produce and control the movement of otherwise paralyzed limbs, for standing and hand grasp, activate visceral bodily functions such as micturition, create perceptions such as skin sensibility, arrest undesired activity, such as pain or spasm, facilitate natural recovery, and accelerate motor relearning. The FES Center is the most comprehensive and cohesive program in the world performing FES investigation that spans from basic to applied, and the investigators work on many different applications within five research thrusts:

- Movement Restoration: Restoring limb and other body movements
The CESC's expertise has been applied to real-world problems with new methodologies to design quantitative robust controllers to improve parameter systems and nonlinear plants with uncertainty, and to develop understanding on multi-input-multi-output systems, distributed applications. Fundamental research is conducted to gain knowledge plants, sustainability, spacecraft, environmental and industrial in energy innovation, wind energy, power systems, water treatment, robotics, parallel kinematics.

The CESC’s expertise has been applied to real-world problems with industrial partners and space agencies in the following main areas:

- Multi-Megawatt Onshore and Offshore Wind Turbines
- Airborne Wind Energy Systems
- Renewable Energy Plants, Advanced Energy Systems
- Power System Dynamics and Control, Grid Integration, Energy Storage
- Large Radio Telescope Control, Optical Telescope Control
- Formation Flying Spacecraft, Satellites with Flexible Appendages
- Wastewater Treatment Plants, Desalination Systems
- Heating Systems, Fluid Dynamics
- Robotics, Parallel Kinematics

The CESC’s capabilities and equipment include:

- Fully instrumented wind tunnel to test prototypes at wind speeds up to 20 m/s
- Lab-scale wind turbine blade manufacturing units
- State-of-the-art computer programs for commercial wind turbine design
- Aerodynamics, Solid Modeling, and Electrical Design CAD/CAE software
- Advanced software to design robust QFT control systems
- Software for analysis and simulation of dynamic systems
- Multiple laboratory scale wind turbines with a variety of collinear and orthogonal rotors, electrical generators, gearboxes, sensors, actuators and hierarchical real-time torque/pitch/yaw control systems
- Lab-scale wind farms with flexible configurations
- Fully-controlled 6-DOF Stewart platform for lab-scale Floating Wind Turbine experimentation
- Laboratory helicopter to test advanced control systems

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With an interdisciplinary and concurrent engineering approach, the Control and Energy Systems Center (CESC) focuses on bridging the gap between fundamental research and applied industrial projects in Advanced Control and Systems Engineering, with special emphasis in energy innovation, wind energy, power systems, water treatment plants, sustainability, spacecraft, environmental and industrial applications. Fundamental research is conducted to gain knowledge and understanding on multi-input-multi-output systems, distributed parameter systems and nonlinear plants with uncertainty, and to develop new methodologies to design quantitative robust controllers to improve the efficiency and reliability of such systems.

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The Electronics Design Center (EDC) is a multi-disciplinary educational and research center focusing on the applications of microfabrication processing to the advancement of chemical and biological micro-systems specializing in application-oriented electrochemical-based biosensors. The center has complete thick film and thin film processing facilities, including screen printing, inkjet printing, and sputtering equipment. Other facilities supporting the microfabrication processing are also readily available. The EDC is a resource for industrial and academic researchers, offering access to equipment, laboratories, and trained staff.

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The Great Lakes Energy Institute empowers faculty, students, and partners to catalyze breakthroughs in energy sustainability that address the most pressing problems facing our world. Since 2008, GLEI has helped catalyze a five-fold increase in energy research, won awards from NSF, DOE, (ARPA-E, EERE, OE), Ohio Third Frontier and other organizations, attracted over $80 million in awards, worked with over 100 different industry partners, and encouraged multidisciplinary proposals throughout the university. At the heart of these efforts are over 90 engaged faculty, hailing from engineering, arts & sciences, management, and law. And while GLEI’s work supports all types of energy, the focus lies in five priority areas:

Future Power - CWRU’s energy program is underpinned by research in power systems. Strengths in controls, sensors, and electronics provide a core foundation for smart grid connectivity of energy and storage.
Energy Storage - Storage research builds on historical strengths in electrochemistry, materials and lifetime and degradation science. Recent research awards include ARPA-E and DOE.

Solar - Research in next-generation photovoltaics (PV) focuses on organics and lifetime and degradation science, stemming from a strong reputation in materials, research, and development.

Wind Energy - Wind energy emphasizes offshore deployment and is founded on wind and ice measurement, controls, power management, and grid interface expertise. Much of this work is supported by DOE awards and the State of Ohio.

Oil and Gas - Research focuses on technologies that enhance safe extraction, transport, and processing of shale gas and oil in Ohio. Strengths are present in macromolecules, sensors, corrosion-resistant casings, cementitious materials, and modeling and simulation of hydro-fracking process.

The role of CWRU in energy also touches economic development and education. Through research and investment, university spin-outs are poised to contribute to a new energy economy while working toward a clean and sustainable future. Students undertake key roles in the research and commercialization of the energy technologies contributing to worldwide impact.

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The Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), funded by the US Department of Energy, was established in 2019. The mission of the IAC is to improve energy efficiency, reduce wastes and enhance productivity at small and medium-sized manufacturing companies and water treatment plants in Northeast Ohio, part of the lower peninsulas of Michigan, and Western Pennsylvania.

The IAC is led by a multidisciplinary team including six faculty members from three Engineering departments (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering; and Materials Science and Engineering). We work closely with many established partner organizations and stakeholders in the region, including utility companies, governmental agencies, industrial associations and Chambers of Commerce. Every year, the IAC works with 10-12 manufacturing companies/water plants, trains 6-10 engineering students on industrial energy efficiency, and graduate 2-4 of them as energy engineers.

The Industrial Assessment Centers program, formerly known as Energy Analysis and Diagnostic Centers, was created by the Department of Commerce in 1976. Today, the IAC program is managed through the Advanced Manufacturing Office under the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy. Including the IAC at Case Western Reserve, there are 30 centers established at different universities all over the US.

Website: https://engineering.case.edu/research/centers/industrial-assessment-center (https://engineering.case.edu/research/centers/industrial-assessment-center/)

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The Materials for Opto/Electronics Research and Education (MORE) Center advances science and innovation with facilities and expertise enabling the fabrication and characterization of materials and devices for emerging electronic and optoelectronic technologies, including renewable energy and quantum computing. Located in the Charles M. White Metallurgy Building, the MORE Center is a hub for undergraduate and graduate research, education, and collaboration. The center has 21 tools available for both direct use and service work; in addition to a suite of thin film deposition options, the MORE Center has large-area profilometry, ellipsometry, mechanical testing, and microscopy characterization tools, a cleanroom facility, electron and photolithography capabilities, and inert gloveboxes for work with air-sensitive materials.

Established in 2011, the MORE Center has amassed over 500 users from 50 research groups across the College of Arts and Sciences, the Case School of Engineering, and the CWRU School of Medicine. The MORE Center is open to internal and external academic and industrial users.

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MFL houses a state-of-the-art facility that provides the latest in microfabrication and micromachining processes. The laboratory focuses on the applications of microfabrication and micromachining technology to a wide range of sensors, actuators, and other microelectromechanical (MEMS) systems. In addition to silicon-based technology, the laboratory has a unique strength in silicon carbide micromachining that is particularly valuable for applications in harsh environments. To support the development of flexible Microsystems, polymer micromachining is also available. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral assistants use the laboratory’s facilities to carry out their research or special projects.

Researchers not affiliated with CWRU can also use the laboratory through a facilities use agreement.

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The National Center for Space Exploration Research (NCSER) is an advanced research collaborative partnership between Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Universities Space Research Association (USRA), HX5 Defense & Space, LLC, and NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC). Under the umbrella of the NASA Glenn Engineering & Research Support (GEARS) contract, NCSER provides NASA Glenn Research...
Center (GRC) with specialized science and technology development capabilities essential to sustaining its leadership role in NASA’s Space Exploration and Space Science Missions. In particular, the center provides fundamental scientific and research support to NASA’s Space Life and Physical Sciences Research & Application (SLPSRA) Division in performing microgravity experiments aboard the International Space Station (ISS) National Laboratory. Scientific and engineering expertise resident at NCSR include: reduced gravity fluid mechanics and combustion processes, heat and mass transfer, physiochemical fluid processes, multiphase flows, micro-fluidics, phase change and interfacial phenomena, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), and multiscale fluid-structural-interaction modeling of human physiological systems. These expertise have been applied to numerous areas and research interests including:

- Microgravity thermal and fluid systems management and control
- Cryogenic fluid management
- Microgravity flow and pool boiling
- Microgravity combustion
- Spacecraft fire safety
- Energy storage
- Environmental systems monitoring/control
- On-orbit repair of electronics
- Astronaut life support systems
- Astronaut health and space disorder countermeasures
- ISS integrated system health monitoring
- Performance of human cardiovascular, vestibular, musculoskeletal and renal physiologies in space
- Bio-Fluid mechanics
- Bio-Systems modeling
- Dust mitigation and management
- Planetary surface mobility
- In-situ resource utilization
- Materials synthesis

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The research mission of the center is to bring to bear combined tools in physics, mathematics, chemistry, engineering, and neuroscience to analyze the mechanisms underlying neuronal function and to solve the clinical problems associated with neuronal dysfunction. Research areas include: Neuromodulation, Neuroprostheses, Quantitative Neurophysiology, Neural Dynamics, Neuro-Mechanical Systems, Neural Regeneration, Neural Interfacing, Neural Imaging and Molecular Sensing, Neuro-Magnetism, and Systems Neuroscience. The education mission of the center is to provide engineers and scientists with an integrated knowledge of engineering and neuroscience capable of solving problems in neuroscience ranging from the molecules to the clinic. The center is also an outlet for technology transfer of new ideas to be commercialized by industrial partners. The center’s goals are accomplished by fostering interdisciplinary research between clinicians, scientists, students and local industry, educational experiences including didactic material, laboratory experience, and clinical exposure, and close ties to industrial partners.

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The Ohio Third Frontier Wright Projects Program has funded the Nitinol Commercialization Acceleration (NCA), a collaborative effort between the Cleveland Clinic, CWRU, University of Toledo, NASA Glenn Research Center, and Norman Noble, Inc. in order to develop a better understanding of the metallurgical processing and mechanical characterization of nitinol for use in biomedical and aerospace applications. Biomedical applications range from orthodontia to implantable devices while higher temperature shape memory alloys are of interest for aerospace. The collaboration is designed to create synergy amongst collaborators in the research and development of nitinol products.

The laboratory housed at CWRU’s Material Science and Engineering Department contains processing and characterization (thermal and mechanical) equipment that allows for the manufacture and analysis of nitinol products. Processing equipment includes a vacuum arc casting unit, vacuum heat treatment system, and hot extrusion capabilities. Thermal characterization equipment includes a high-temperature Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) while mechanical characterization equipment for testing wire/foil includes a number of flex bending fatigue machines, rotary bending fatigue machines, and tabletop tension testing machines.

The Cleveland Clinic and NASA Glenn Research Center also house equipment associated with the NCA program including Raydiance-Rofin Femtosecond Laser, Techne FB-08 Precision Calibration Bath, MTS Cryochamber and Grips, and an Aramis/Optotrak Certus 3D Strain Mapping system.

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The SDLE Research Center was established in 2011 with funding from Ohio Third Frontier and is dedicated to advancing the field of lifetime and degradation science. The research center activities focus on durability and degradation of environmentally exposed, long-lived materials and technologies such as photovoltaics (PV), energy efficient lighting, and building envelope applications. The Center develops real-time and accelerated protocols for exposure to solar radiation and related environmental stressors to enable the evaluation of the environmental durability and lifetime of materials, components, and products. Data scientists identify statistically significant relationships using a data analytics platform (Energy-CRADLE) developed in the center. Researchers perform post-exposure optical and thermo-
mechanical measurements to develop quantitative mechanistic models of degradation processes. The SDLE Research Center’s capabilities and equipment include:

- Outdoor solar exposures: SunFarm with 14 dual-axis solar trackers with multi-sun concentrators, and power degradation monitoring
- Solar simulators for 1-1000X solar exposures
- Multi-factor environmental test chambers with temperature, humidity, freeze/thaw, and cycling
- A full suite of optical, interfacial, thermo-mechanical and electrical evaluation tools for materials, components, and systems

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The Swagelok Center for Surface Analysis of Materials is one of Case Western Reserve University’s largest core facilities, providing a variety of instrumentation for microstructural and compositional characterization of materials as well as surface and near-surface chemical analysis. A staff of professionals are available to assist and train academic researchers and commercial users of the Center’s equipment. Fully trained users are permitted independent access to the instruments, while users with particularly difficult samples or those who are unsure how to obtain the best possible data can utilize the services of staff experts. Some of the routine services offered include guidance with sample preparation, technical assistance to obtain data, and data analysis. Additionally, the expert staff are available to meet with research groups to assist with acquiring data needed for proposal submission as well as consulting and developing methods tailored to fit specific research needs.

The Center is administered by the Case School of Engineering and used by undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers. SCSAM instruments are utilized by more than 40% of the Engineering School’s faculty as well as researchers from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Medicine and the Dental School. Further, the Center serves as a micro-characterization hub for over 100 external commercial and non-profit entities, including the NASA Glenn Research Center, the Cleveland Clinic, numerous Ohio universities, and over 70 industrial R&D laboratories. Combined internal and external usage of the Center exceeds 250 users each year. Instruments are housed in a centralized area, allowing convenient access to the equipment and expert knowledge to provide state-of-the-art solutions.

**Analytical Services**

**Electron Microscopy**

- FIB-SEM (Focused ion beam/scanning electron beam microscopy), including XEDS (X-ray energy-dispersive spectroscopy), EBSD (electron backscatter diffraction), TKD (transmission Kikuchi diffraction), 3D imaging and reconstruction.
- TEM (transmission electron microscopy), including scanning TEM and high-resolution grain orientation mapping using a TopSpin system.

**Surface Analysis Scanning**

- Scanning Auger microprobe
- XPS/ESCA (X-Ray photoelectron spectrometry)
- ToF-SIMS (Time-of-flight secondary ion-mass spectrometry)

**Other Methods**

- Scanning probe microscopy, including AFM (atomic force microscopy) and MFM (magnetic force microscopy)
- Light-optical microscopy
- XRD (X-Ray diffractometry)
- Nanomechanical testing, including nanohardness, nanoscratching, and nanowear testing
- Ion polishing
- Semi-automated metallographic specimen preparation

A detailed equipment list and description are available at [http://engineering.case.edu/centers/scsam/](http://engineering.case.edu/centers/scsam/)

**Educational Facilities**

**MyApps** ([https://myapps.case.edu/](https://myapps.case.edu/))

MyApps provides a virtual desktop environment with access to run all of the software licensed to any CWRU community member based on program of study, course enrollment or role at the university, without the need for installation on a computer. MyApps is available to all current CWRU students, faculty and staff members. Users of MyApps can stream software instantly without having to install from any device, even public computers, through the MyApps portal.

MyApps is compatible with Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, ChromeOS, and major Linux distributions and can be accessed via a computer running an up-to-date web browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari). MyApps can also be accessed from any mobile device, such as an iOS or Android device, by installing the Citrix Workspace app from that device’s app store.

https://myapps.case.edu  
To begin using MyApps, go to [https://myapps.case.edu](https://myapps.case.edu).  
For more information visit [https://case.edu/utech/services/myapps](https://case.edu/utech/services/myapps).

**Nord Computer Laboratory**

The Nord Computer Laboratory is a general purpose computer facility, provided by the Case School of Engineering, open 24 hours a day, available to all CWRU students. The lab contains 56 Thin Clients running Windows 10 Enterprise. Software includes MS Office, MATLAB, SolidWorks, Aspen, MultiPhysics, ChemBioDraw, CES EduPack, and many others. Facilities for color printing, faxing, copying and scanning are provided.

Larry Sears and Sally Zlotnick Sears think[box] ([http://thinkbox.case.edu](http://thinkbox.case.edu))

Housed in the recently renovated Richey Mixon Building, the Larry Sears and Sally Zlotnick Sears think[box] houses all the resources budding innovators need to bring their ideas to life. At 50,000 square feet, this innovation-focused makerspace is one of the largest such facilities at any university in the world. Four floors are now open to the public,
each dedicated to a specific stage of the innovation process, including open areas and meeting spaces for interaction, prototyping tools and equipment, a fabrication machine shop and project space. In the 2018 calendar year, two additional floors will open, dedicated to supporting entrepreneurship and student startup companies.

**Vision**
The vision of think[box] is to change the economic and social culture of the university and region by emphasizing cross-discipline and cross-institution collaborative endeavors that push creativity and innovation to their limits. Think[box] will provide a project-based learning environment where students from all courses of study have an opportunity to understand how innovation and creativity can lead to economic and social advancement. This exposure will encourage entrepreneurial thinking among our students, who will then be poised to become the leaders and innovators of the future. Simultaneously, think[box] will create an entrepreneurial environment where these ideas can be nurtured, developed, funded, and commercialized.

**Mission**
The mission of think[box] is to establish, on campus, a physical and cultural focal point that will:

- Provide an educational environment that fosters collaboration, creativity, and invention;
- Provide comprehensive resources for innovation and value creation;
- Create an engine for entrepreneurial growth within our community by identifying and nurturing the talents and expertise of CWRU students, faculty, and staff, as well as those of the surrounding community.