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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

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| Post title: | **Research Fellow** – Fabrication and Testing of Regenerative Shock Absorbers | | |
| School/Department: | School of Engineering | | |
| Faculty: | FEPS | | |
| Career Pathway: | Education, Research and Enterprise (ERE) | Level: | 4 |
| \*ERE category: | Research Pathway | | |
| Posts responsible to: | Associate Professor | | |
| Post base: | Laboratory / Office based | | |

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| Job purpose |
| This project aims to design, fabricate, and test industrially applicable prototypes of regenerative shock absorbers, with the ultimate goal of accelerating their commercialisation. |

| Key accountabilities/primary responsibilities | | % Time |
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|  | To develop and carry out an area of personal research. | 5 % |
|  | Regularly disseminate findings by taking the lead in preparing publication materials for referred journals, presenting results at conferences, or exhibiting work at other appropriate events. | 20 % |
|  | Contribute to the writing of bids for research funding. | 5 % |
|  | Investigate models and approaches to test and develop them. | 20 % |
|  | Collaborate/work on research tasks with colleagues in industry. | 20 % |
|  | Carry out administrative tasks associated with specified research funding, for example risk assessment of research activities, organisation of project meetings and documentation. Implementation of procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting and financial control. | 5 % |
|  | Supervise the work of junior research staff. | 10 % |
|  | Carry out occasional undergraduate supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within own area of expertise, under the direct guidance of a member of departmental academic staff. | 5 % |
|  | Any other duties as allocated by the line manager following consultation with the post holder. | 10 % |

| Internal and external relationships |
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| Direct responsibility to holder of research award or academic supervisor.  Work closely with lab technicians, and industrial partners to design and fabricate prototypes of regenerative shock absorbers.  May have additional reporting and liaison responsibilities to external industrial bodies |

| Special Requirements |
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| To be available to participate in fieldwork as required by the specified research project.  To attend national and international conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results.  Applications for Research Fellow positions will be considered from candidates who are working towards or nearing completion of a relevant PhD qualification. The title of Research Fellow will be applied upon successful completion of the PhD. Prior to the qualification being awarded the title of Senior Research  Assistant will be given. |

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| Criteria | Essential | Desirable | How to be assessed |
| Qualifications, knowledge and experience | PhD or equivalent professional qualifications and experience in Mechanical, Aerospace or Materials Engineering.  Experience of design, including Computer Aided Design (CAD), Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM) and control systems.  Knowledge and experience of Finite Element Analysis tools.  Experience with condition monitoring techniques including data acquisition and data processing. | Knowledge of working with a multi-body simulation software such as SimScape.  Experience of design, fabrication, and characterization of mechanical devices.  Experience of using dynamic shakers for testing.  Knowledge of electrical motors and generators. | interview |
| Planning and organising | Able to organise own research activities to deadline and quality standards |  | interview |
| Problem solving and initiative | Able to develop understanding of complex problems and apply in-depth knowledge to address them  Able to develop original techniques/methods |  | interview |
| Management and teamwork | Able to supervise work of junior research staff, delegating effectively  Able to contribute to School/Department management and administrative processes  Work effectively in a multidisciplinary team, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of others to help teamwork development |  | interview |
| Communicating and influencing | Communicate new and complex information effectively, both verbally and in writing, engaging the interest and enthusiasm of the target audience  Able to present research results at group meetings and conferences  Able to write up research results for publication in leading peer-viewed journals  Work proactively with colleagues in other work areas/institutions, contributing specialist knowledge to achieve outcomes |  | interview |
| Other skills and behaviours | Understanding of relevant Health & Safety issues  Positive attitude to colleagues and students |  | interview |
| Special requirements | Able to attend national and international conferences to present research results |  | interview |

**JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS**

**Is this an office-based post?**

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| Yes | If this post is an office-based job with routine office hazards (eg: use of VDU), no further information needs to be supplied. Do not complete the section below. |
| No | If this post is not office-based or has some hazards other than routine office (eg: more than use of VDU) please complete the analysis below.  Hiring managers are asked to complete this section as accurately as possible to ensure the safety of the post-holder. |

## - HR will send a full PEHQ to all applicants for this position. Please note, if full health clearance is required for a role, this will apply to all individuals, including existing members of staff.

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| **ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES** | **Occasionally**  (<30% of time) | **Frequently**  (30-60% of time) | **Constantly**  (> 60% of time) |
| Outside work | x |  |  |
| Extremes of temperature (eg: fridge/ furnace) |  |  |  |
| ## Potential for exposure to body fluids |  |  |  |
| ## Noise (greater than 80 dba - 8 hrs twa) |  |  |  |
| ## Exposure to hazardous substances (eg: solvents, liquids, dust, fumes, biohazards). Specify below: |  |  |  |
| Frequent hand washing |  |  |  |
| Ionising radiation |  |  |  |
| **EQUIPMENT/TOOLS/MACHINES USED** | | | |
| ## Food handling |  |  |  |
| ## Driving university vehicles(eg: car/van/LGV/PCV) |  |  |  |
| ## Use of latex gloves (prohibited unless specific clinical necessity) |  |  |  |
| ## Vibrating tools (eg: strimmers, hammer drill, lawnmowers) |  |  |  |
| **PHYSICAL ABILITIES** | | | |
| Load manual handling |  |  |  |
| Repetitive crouching/kneeling/stooping |  |  |  |
| Repetitive pulling/pushing |  |  |  |
| Repetitive lifting |  |  |  |
| Standing for prolonged periods | x |  |  |
| Repetitive climbing (ie: steps, stools, ladders, stairs) |  |  |  |
| Fine motor grips (eg: pipetting) |  |  |  |
| Gross motor grips |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching below shoulder height |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching at shoulder height |  |  |  |
| Repetitive reaching above shoulder height |  |  |  |
| **PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES** | | | |
| Face to face contact with public |  |  |  |
| Lone working |  |  |  |
| ## Shift work/night work/on call duties |  |  |  |