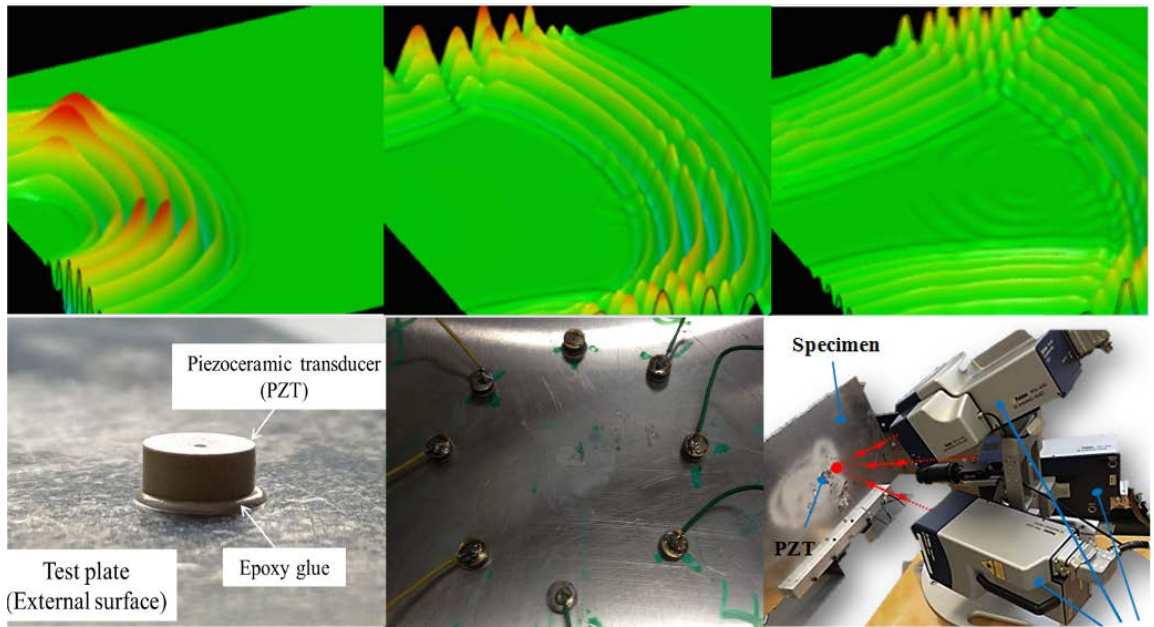




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## Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences

# DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED ACTUATION AND SENSING SYSTEM FOR CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF STRUCTURES USING NONLINEAR ULTRASONIC GUIDED WAVES

Up for a challenge? Join us to work on a research project with the School of Civil, Environmental & Mining Engineering

### At a Glance

Who can apply?

- Australian Citizens
- Onshore International students
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holders
- New Zealand Citizens

Industry partner or funding body

- Australian Research Council

Program of Study available

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Total annual stipend amount

- \$28 597pa (2021 rate, indexed)

Start date

- Open until filled

### About the project

This PhD scholarship is funded by Australian Research Council – Discovery Project with the aim at developing next generation non-destructive inspection techniques using nonlinear ultrasonic guided wave. The Discovery Project has two main tasks (i) development of non-

destructive inspection techniques, and (ii) development of advanced actuation and sensing system. This project will focus on Task (ii) development of advanced actuation and sensing system for condition assessment of structures using nonlinear ultrasonic guided waves.

Nonlinear ultrasonic guided waves allow early detection of damage in structures by measuring micro-scale damage of materials. This information will provide useful information on assessing the condition of structures and can detect defect at the very early stage. Therefore, this capability can transform existing schedule-based maintenance practice into condition-based maintenance paradigm resulting in significant cost savings for structural inspection and maintenance. However, in practical situation, existing structures can have poor surface conditions due to aging or structures can have hard-to-inspect surface

conditions. A practical damage detection should have a well developed actuation and sensing system so that the inspection technology can be applied to a wide range of structures with different surface conditions.

This project will focus on developing advanced actuation and sensing system that can maximise the performance of the nonlinear ultrasonic guided wave damage detection techniques. The development will use the latest numerical simulation technique and state-of-the-art equipment at Structural Health Monitoring Research Group at The University of Adelaide.

## Eligibility criteria

- Students with a relevant Bachelor degree with First Class Honours, or a Masters degree that contains a significant (and relevant) research component with equivalent academic performance. Students who hold a degree in Structural, Civil or Mechanical Engineering or Electrical and Electronic Engineering will be considered favourably.
- Students with interested in structural health monitoring, nondestructive evaluation and infrastructure monitoring.
- Applicant are expected to have a solid background in structural mechanics/dynamic/acoustic and numerical modelling of structures (e.g. finite element modelling).
- Students with well-developed written and verbal communication skills will be considered favourably.

## Benefits

- Work alongside world leading researchers in two Schools, Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering
- Access to authorised travel and research project funds available

- Our CaRST program: Free professional development to enhance your employability skills
- No Tuition fees! These are waived for eligible candidates
- Access state of the art technology
- Become a field expert and make a real and contribute to solving global challenges
- Publish your contributions and impact our communities and society.

## How to apply

- Complete an [expression of interest](#) and email together with a copy of your CV and transcripts to A/Prof. Alex Ching Tai Ng ([alex.ng@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:alex.ng@adelaide.edu.au))
- Once your initial eligibility assessment is approved, formally lodge an application for admission and scholarship via the Adelaide Graduate Centre 'How to Apply' [link](#). **Application dates are listed on the website.**

## Researcher Profiles

The project will be supervised by A/Prof Alex Ching Tai Ng at School of Civil, Environmental & Mining Engineering, and Prof Andrei Kotousov at School of Mechanical Engineering. You can find out more about them by visiting A/Prof Ng's [Researcher Profile](#) and Prof Kotousov's [Researcher Profile](#).

## More about ECMS

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our School of Architecture and Built Environments.

Many of our academic staff are leaders in their fields and graduates are highly regarded by employers.

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The University of Adelaide is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who meet the position requirements are strongly encouraged to apply.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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