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The Ph.D. program has an interdisciplinary focus with emphasis on design thinking and the ability to solve complex problems. Doctoral research will focus on the interface between computer science and engineering including additive manufacturing, biomedical engineering, mechatronics, underwater communication, nanotechnology, simulation, modeling, smart grids, rehabilitation engineering, cyber security, big data analysis, robotics, and storm water management. Ph.D. research thesis results will be published in peer reviewed publications aligning thesis outcomes with research priorities supported by NSF, DOD, NIST, DOE, and NIH.

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Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science & Engineering (PhD)

- Specialization in Biomedical Engineering
- Specialization in Civil Engineering
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- Specialization in Mechanical Engineering

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**Research Centers**

Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Space Technology & Applied Research at UDC (CAM-STAR)
The Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Space Technology & Applied Research (CAM-STAR) at the UDC will focus on research investigating various advanced manufacturing (AM) techniques and their application in Space Exploration Technology and Research. Program Director: Dr. Jiajun Xu, jiajun.xu@udc.edu

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SEAS Research Center
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