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### Undergraduate Research Program

<b>Project Name</b>	Mechanical metamaterials: mechanics and additive manufacturing
<b>Campus &amp; Location in Mexico</b>	Querétaro
<b>Faculty</b>	Engineering and Sciences
<b>Research Area</b>	Mechanical Engineering
<b>Research Responsible</b>	Enrique Cuan-Urquizo
<b>Description of the Project</b>	Many applications, like skull plates, make use of porosity to reduce weight, and allow air flow in/out human parts. Which is the best or optimal degree of porosity? What are the shapes of the pores? Lattice or cellular materials are materials that could be design in order to fulfil certain effective mechanical properties. Up to now, most of the mechanical characterization have been on planar samples under tensile loading. In reality, structures of complex geometries and shapes are subjected to more complex loading scenarios. The objective in this project, is the study of structures of complex geometry such as shells composed of different lattices and cellular materials under various loading conditions as: bending, torsion, and dynamic loads. Because of the complexity in the geometries, additive manufacturing (3D printing) is explored as fabrication technology.
<b>Training Provided</b>	Training provided by professor in theoretical aspects, and by postgraduate students in lab equipment.

#### Offered during:

SUMMER

WINTER

SEMESTER

#### Student

<b>Tasks/Responsibilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geometrical design of the samples for mechanical testing</li> <li>3D printing of samples for mechanical testing</li> <li>Mechanical testing of samples</li> <li>Writing technical report or paper</li> </ol>
<b>Required Language Proficiency</b>	English B2
<b>Required Skills and Abilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible</li> <li>Basic knowledge in mechanics of materials</li> <li>Basic knowledge on 3D printing technologies</li> <li>Basic knowledge on Matlab</li> <li>Basic knowledge on Finite Element</li> </ol>
<b>Other Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being at least in your 2nd year of bachelor</li> <li>Accumulative grade point average (GPA) 2.5</li> <li>Official Transcript</li> <li>2 letters of recommendation of faculty members</li> <li>Resume</li> <li>Letter of intention explaining the reason why you would like to participate in the research program</li> </ol>