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Post-Doc Combustion-Propulsion Position

The Propulsion & Energy Research Laboratory at the Center for Advanced Turbomachinery & Energy Research and the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, University of Central Florida is currently seeking a post-doctoral candidate for state of the art research on various sponsored projects for the Air Force, Department of Energy, American Chemical Society, Aerojet, and Siemens related to multi-phase reacting turbulent flows for the next generation advanced propulsion and combustion energy technologies. The position offers a competitive salary ($50,000) with benefits ($17,180), travel ($5,000), and post-doc mentoring for the next career stage.

Essential Requirements

Candidates must have the following in order to be considered for this position:

- A recent Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering or Aerospace Engineering
- A strong background and training in thermal sciences, fluid mechanics, and combustion sciences
- A demonstrated accomplishment in experimental and numerical research
- A working style demonstrating initiative and willingness to take on individual responsibility
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- The ability to work effectively with others

Desired:

- Experience with advanced laser-based optical diagnostics (high-speed Stereo and Tomo-PIV and PLIF) and experience with combustion research.

How to Apply

To apply, please send a C.V./resume to Dr. Kareem Ahmed (Kareem.Ahmed@ucf.edu).

The PERL is focused on investigating multi-phase turbulent reacting flows, clean combustion strategies, and alternative fuels for the next generation advanced propulsion and combustion energy technologies. The lab's research objective is concentrated on advancing the scientific research through fundamental physics understanding of turbulent reacting flows, combustion dynamics, pressure gain combustion, supersonic compressible flows, fluid mechanics, flow control, flame-fluidics interactions, vortex dynamics, and hydrodynamic instabilities. The lab is specialized in experimental investigations, physics-based models, and development of unit problems that couples fundamental lab research to national technological problems. The PERL is equipped with state-of-the-art advanced high-speed laser diagnostics and
experimental tools for studying turbulent flow mixing and reactions. Computational methods (CFD) are developed and utilized in coordination with experimental research. (http://mae.ucf.edu/PERL/)

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