



The Artificial Intelligence for Design (AI4D) lab seeks multiple highly motivated PhD applicants with an enthusiasm for research and interest in scientific machine learning, computational physics, design and optimization, fluid dynamics, and aerodynamics. In the AI4D lab, we develop state-of-the-art mathematical solutions and novel data-driven (i.e., deep learning) algorithms with the target of applying multi-disciplinary design optimization (MDO) to solve large-scale design and optimization problems in complex systems, especially in fluid dynamics. The PhD positions are fully funded (the coverage is tuition, insurance, and stipend) with possible opportunities to collaborate with other industrial and academic partners. The starting date varies between Fall 2024 and Fall 2025.

### Required qualifications:

- Have a Masters degree in mechanical, aerospace, applied mathematics, or a field related to fluid dynamics.
- Have hands-on experience in AI/ML, reduced-order modeling, and computational methods.
- Experience in programming with Python, Julia, or C++.
- Good knowledge of fluid mechanics, aerodynamics, and turbulence.
- Experience in CFD software development or good knowledge of algorithms used in CFD methods.
- Meet admission requirements for the PhD program in the Lyle School of Engineering [[Link](#)].

Interested applicants should email (set the subject of email as “PhD Application - SML”) a brief cover letter and CV to:

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### About SMU and Dallas:

Southern Methodist University (SMU) is a prestigious private university located in Dallas, Texas. It is ranked among the top 100 universities in the US and offers a comprehensive campus and a multidisciplinary engineering program that can enhance engineering skills in various fields. SMU has two brand-new HPC centers (ranked 3rd in Texas) for computational and AI/ML research projects. Since SMU is situated in one of the largest cities in the nation, it provides numerous opportunities for interns and graduates who are ready to start their careers in engineering fields. Furthermore, Dallas is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area and the 9<sup>th</sup> most populated city in the US. It is one of the top-ranked cities for cultural diversity and economic opportunity. Dallas offers a unique combination of urban sophistication and southern hospitality. From world-class museums and theaters to outdoor recreational activities, Dallas has something to offer for everyone.

