








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Education

PhD	Civil Engineering	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, US	2013
MS	Civil Engineering	Tongji University	Shanghai, China	2009
BS	Civil Engineering	China University of Geosciences	Wuhan, China	2006

Experiences

2018–	Associate Professor	School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, Arizona State University
2022	Guest Professor	Institute of Geotechnical Engineering, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)
2013–2018	Assistant Professor	Department of Civil Engineering, University of Akron

Honors and Awards

2020	The 10th Anniversary Excellent Paper Award, Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering
2017	CAREER Award, National Science Foundation
2017	Gary W. Johnson Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award, ASCE Akron-Canton Section
2017	Excellent Paper Award, The 2017 International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials
2017	Keynote Speaker, The 2nd Transportation Research Congress, Beijing, China
2016	Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Akron
2015	Highlight paper, IFCEE 2015
2014	Biomimicry Research and Innovation Center Research Incentive Grant, University of Akron
2014	ExCEED 2014 Teaching Fellow, ASCE
2013	Geo-institute Travel Award, ASCE Geo-congress 2013
2013	Roy Harley Prize, Case Western Reserve University
2012	Highlight paper, Smart Materials and Structures
2012	USUCGER Travel Award, 1st USUCGER Early Career Geotechnical Conference and NSF CMMI Research and Innovation Conference
2012	Craig J. Miller Memorial Award, Case Western Reserve University
2011	SGS-Graduate Student Travel Award, Case Western Reserve University

Mission Statement

I am leading the research group Bio-inspired Geotechnics (BiG) in the NSF Research Center for Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics at Arizona State University. Our mission is to discover the fundamental mechanisms of various interactions between living things and geological materials, to abstract these mechanisms to engineering design principles, and to translate the design principles to autonomous, efficient, sustainable and intelligent geotechnics. We seek the answers at the boundaries of biology, mechanics and engineering. We achieve the BiG goals and extend the impacts from research, teaching, outreach, entrepreneurship and collaboration. Our Current research topics include: bio-inspired self-burrowing robots, bio-inspired underground sensing and communication, bio-inspired sustainable countermeasures to natural hazards.

Professional Membership

Associate Member	American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Geo-Institute
Member	International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE)
Member	Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)
Member	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Member	International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE)
Member	Transportation Research Board (TRB)

PUBLICATIONS, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PRESENTATIONS

Summary of Publications and Intellectual Property

Total Publications	117
Books Co-Edited	3
Invited Journal Publications	1
Invited Conference Papers	3
Refereed Conference Papers	68
Technical Reports or other papers (non-refereed)	5
Journal publications from ASU	23
Journal Publications Prior to ASU (All Published)	21
Manuscripts Submitted or In Revision from ASU	4
Patents; Patents pending	2

Summary of Presentations

Invited Presentation, External	33
Invited Presentation, Internal	2
Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations, including Students	54

Google Scholar Statistics (as of June 4, 2025)

h-index	20
i10-index	36
total citation	1853

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#	Undergraduate Student
∞	Other/Visiting Student
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Journal Articles

1. H Bagheri, D Stockwell, B Bethke, NK Okwae, D Aukes, J Tao, and H Marvi*. A Bio-Inspired Helically Driven Self-Burrowing Robot. *Acta Geotechnica* **19**(3) (2024), 1435–1448. DOI: 10.1007/s11440-023-01882-9.
2. **X Li**, J Tao, and L van Paassen*. Reactive Transport Modeling of Microbial-Induced Calcite Precipitation Treatment through Shallow Underwater Injection. *Computers and Geotechnics* **174** (2024), 106601. DOI: 10.1016/j.compgeo.2024.106601.

3. **X Li**, L van Paassen, and J Tao^{*}. Effects of Sediment Densification and Strengthening on Scour around Monopiles Using Mangrove-Inspired Skirt Piles. *Acta Geotechnica* (2024). DOI: 10.1007/s11440-023-02182-y.
4. A Martinez and J Tao. Editorial for Special Issue on Bio-Inspired Geotechnics. *Acta Geotechnica* (2024). DOI: 10.1007/s11440-024-02323-x.
5. **Y Tang**, **Y Zhong**, and J Tao^{*}. Bio-Inspired Rotational Penetration and Horizontal Self-Burrowing Soft Robot. *Acta Geotechnica* **19**(3) (2024), 1345–1363. DOI: 10.1007/s11440-023-02173-z.
6. **Y Zhong**, S Huang[×], and J Tao^{*}. Minimalistic Horizontal Burrowing Robots. *Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering* **149**(4) (2023), 02823001. DOI: 10.1061/JGGEFK.GTENG-11468.
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9. **Y Tang** and J Tao^{*}. Multiscale Analysis of Rotational Penetration in Shallow Dry Sand and Implications for Self-Burrowing Robot Design. *Acta Geotechnica* **17** (2022), 4233–4252. DOI: 10.1007/s11440-022-01492-x.
10. C Wang, Y Yuan, F Liang^{*}, and J Tao. Experimental Investigation of Local Scour around Cylindrical Pile Foundations in a Double-Layered Sediment under Current Flow. *Ocean Engineering* **251** (2022), 111084. DOI: 10.1016/j.oceaneng.2022.111084.
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2. S Shahhosseini~ and J Tao*. Bio-Inspired Dual-Auger Vertical Self-Burrowing Robot: DEM-MBD Analysis of Downward Penetration in Granular Media. In: *Geo-Frontiers 2025*. American Society of Civil Engineers, 2025, pp.116–125. DOI: 10.1061/9780784485989.013.
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4. X Li~, J Tao*, and L van Paassen. Effects of the Submerged Height of Mangrove-Inspired Skirt-Pile Group on Scour Mitigation around a Monopile Foundation. In: *Geo-Congress 2023*. Geo-Congress 2023. Los Angeles, California: ASCE, 2023, pp.442–450. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484708.041.
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6. S Shahhosseini~, M Parekh#, and J Tao*. DEM-MBD Coupled Simulation of a Burrowing Robot in Dry Sand. In: *Geo-Congress 2023*. Geo-Congress 2023. Los Angeles, California: ASCE, 2023, pp.309–317. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484692.032.
7. Y Tang~ and J Tao*. Experimental Study on Continuous and Oscillatory Rotational Penetration. In: *Geo-Congress 2023*. Geo-Congress 2023. Los Angeles, California: ASCE, 2023, pp.303–311. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484708.028.
8. Y Tang~ and J Tao*. Penetration Effect of Penetrator Geometry and Interface Friction on Rotational Penetration Resistance. In: *Geo-Congress 2023*. Geo-Congress 2023. Los Angeles, California: ASCE, 2023, pp.257–265. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484708.024.
9. Y Zhong~ and J Tao*. Comparative Analysis of Horizontal Self-Burrowing Strategies Using Full-Scale DEM-MBD Co-Simulations. In: *Geo-Congress 2023*. Geo-Congress 2023. Los Angeles, California: ASCE, 2023, pp.106–114. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484692.011.
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11. **S Huang**[~] and **J Tao**^{*}. Bioinspired Horizontal Self-Burrowing Robot. In: *Geo-Congress 2022*. Geo-Congress 2022. Charlotte, North Carolina: American Society of Civil Engineers, 2022, pp.223–231. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484036.023.
12. **X Li**[~], **J Tao**, and **L van Paassen**^{*}. Numerical Simulations of Mangrove-Inspired Sacrificial Pile Group for Scour Mitigation. In: *Geo-Congress 2022*. Geo-Congress 2022. Charlotte, North Carolina: American Society of Civil Engineers, 2022, pp.385–394. DOI: 10.1061/9780784484050.040.
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Invited Talks

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| 2024-10 | Burrowing Robotics: Bio-inspirations, Mechanisms and Prototypes. UV Underground of Universal Village (UV) Society Conference 2024. Boston |
| 2024-04 | Bio-inspired Burrowing Mechanisms and Robots. Northwestern University Civil Engineering SPREE Seminar. Evanston, IL |
| 2023-12 | Simulation-inspired Theory on Reciprocating Burrowing Robot. 2023 Machine-Ground Interaction Consortium (MaGIC). Madison, Wisconsin |
| 2023-10 | Bio-inspired Burrowing Mechanisms and Robots. Forum on Interdisciplinary Research Frontiers at 14th Chinese National Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. Wuhan, China |
| 2022-12 | Short Course on Bio-inspired Geotechnics. University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences. Vienna, Austria |
| 2022-12 | Bio-inspired Geotechnics in a Nutshell. ASCE Web Conference on Bio-inspired Geotechnics. Virtual |
| 2022-12 | Bio-inspired active underground sensing network. ASCE Web Conference on Bio-inspired Geotechnics. Virtual |
| 2022-11 | An Introduction to Bio-inspired Geotechnics. Xi'an University of Technology. Virtual, Xi'an, China |
| 2022-08 | 'Ground-breaking' bio-inspired geotechnics at ASU. Workshop on Bio- and Intelligent Geotechnics. Virtual, Chongqing University |
| 2022-05 | 'Ground-breaking' bio-inspired geotechnics at ASU. Arizona Geo-Institute Member Meeting. Scottsdale, AZ |
| 2022-05 | Burrowing is a Geotechnical Engineering Problem. 18th Purdue Geotechnical Society Workshop. Purdue University |
| 2022-04 | Bio-inspired Scour Countermeasures. ASCE SEI Bio-inspired Structures Committee Lightning Talk. Virtual and Atlanta, Georgia |
| 2022-04 | Burrowing and Symmetry Breaking. Workshop on Grand Challenges for Burrowing Soft Robots, Robosoft 2022. Virtual and Edinburgh, Scotland |
| 2021-06 | Bio-inspired Geotechnics and Self-burrowing robot. ASCE SEI Bio-inspired Structures Committee Lightning Talk. Virtual |
| 2021-02 | Bio-inspired Geotechnics and Self-burrowing robot. PITT Geotechnical Colloquium Series. Virtual and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States |
| 2020-01 | SBOR: a minimalistic soft self-burrowing-out robot inspired by razor clams. Seminar for Center of Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics. Tempe, AZ, USA |
| 2019-07 | Overview and Reflections of the Course Bioinspired Design at ASU. 1st International Workshop on Bioinspired Geotechnics. Pacific Grove, CA |

- 2019-06 Razor clam inspired burrowing robot. University of California, Davis. Davis, CA, USA
- 2019-05 Bio-inspired Geotechnics. 2019 CBBG REU/RET/YS Onboarding. Tempe, AZ, USA
- 2019-03 Bio-inspired Geotechnics. WSU Civil Engineering Graduate Seminar Series. Virtual and WSU
- 2018-08 Bio-inspired Geotechnics. US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship. New York, NY
- 2018-09 Bridge Scour and its Countermeasures: Streamlining, Biocementation and Monitoring. Geotechnical Special Presentation, Arizona Chapters for the Geo-Institute and Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists. Scottsdale, AZ
- 2018-05 Bio-inspired Geotechnics. Hohai University. Nanjing, China
- 2018-04 Bio-inspired Geotechnics and Self-burrowing robot. Geosciences Colloquium Series at University of Akron. Akron, Ohio, USA
- 2017-05 Bio-inspired Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure. The 2nd Transportation Research Congress. Beijing, China
- 2017-06 Bio-inspired Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure. Huazhong University of Science and Technology. Wuhan, Hubei, China
- 2017-06 Bio-inspired Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure. Hebei University of Technology. Tianjin, China
- 2017-06 Bio-inspired Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure. Tongji University. Shanghai, China
- 2017-05 Bio-inspired Smart and Sustainable Infrastructure. University of California, Davis. Davis, CA, USA
- 2016-01 Underwater Inspection with Remotely Controlled Robot and Image Based 3D Structure Reconstruction Techniques. Transportation Research Board 95th Annual Meeting. Washington DC, United States
- 2014-06 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. China University of Geosciences. Beijing, China
- 2014-06 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. Hebei University of Technology. Tianjin, China
- 2014-05 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. Tongji University. Shanghai, China
- 2014-05 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. Guilin University. Guilin, Guangxi, China
- 2013-03 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. The University of Akron. Akron, Ohio, USA
- 2013-03 Bridge Scour: Monitoring, Sensing and Modelling. Purdue University North Central. Westville, Indiana, USA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Summary of Professional Activities and Service

Editor, Associate Editor for peer-reviewed journals	4
Member of Editorial Board	1
International/national conference chaired	2
International/national conference committees	4
International/national conference sessions organized	1
International/national conference sessions chaired	12
Peer Reviewer for Journals	33
Peer Reviewer for Conferences	1
Proposal Review Service for Funding Agencies	3
University-level Committees	1
Engineering School-level Committees	3
Unit-level Committees	9

Conference Organization

2025	Leading Member of Organizing Committee	Tempe, USA
	@International Conference on Biomediated and Bioinspired Geotechnics	

2024	Co-chair of Technical Committee @GeoShanghai International Conference 2024 (GeoShanghai 2024)	Shanghai, China
2023	Session Chair of Session on Bioinspired Geotechnics @Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference	Atlanta, GA
2022	Co-chair of Organizing Committee @ASCE Web Conference on Bio-inspired Geotechnics	Virtual
2021	Track Chair of Track K: Scour and Erosion Countermeasures @The 10th International Conference on Scour and Erosion (ICSE-10)	Online
2021	Member of Organizing Committee @The 10th International Conference on Scour and Erosion (ICSE-10)	Online
2021	Session Chair of Advances in Ground Improvement Materials @The International Foundations Congress & Equipment Expo (IFCEE)	Online and Dallas, TX
2019	Session Chair of Session on Geotechnics of Soil Erosion @Geo-Congress 2019	Philadelphia, CA
2019	Session Chair of Session on Bioinspired Burrowing Excavation and Tunneling @Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference	Pasadena, CA
2019	Member of Organizing Committee @The 9th Annual IACIP Workshop	Washington, D.C.
2018	Member of Local Organizing Committee @Early Career Geotechnical Faculty Workshop	Cleveland, OH
2018	Co-Editor of Proceedings of GeoShanghai 2018 International Conference @The 4th GeoShanghai International Conference	Shanghai, China
2018	Member of Organizing Committee @International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials	Tianjin, China
2017	Session Chair of Technical Session on “Slope Stability and Retaining Walls” @World Transportation Convention	Beijing, China
2017	Session Chair of Technical Session on “Soil mechanics and behaviors” @International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials (ICTIM)	Beijing, China
2017	Session Organizer of MS 72 Recent Trends in Granular Materials Across the Scales @ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference	San Diego, CA
2017	Session Chair of Student poster competition @The 7th Annual IACIP Workshop	Washington, D.C.
2016	Session Chair of Technical Session on “Scour at Bridge and Structures: Mechanism Prediction and Countermeasures” @Geo-Chicago	Chicago, Illinois
2014	Co-Editor of Geotechnical Special Publication Volume 240 @The 3rd GeoShanghai International Conference	Shanghai, China
2014	Session Chair of Student poster competition @The 4th Annual IACIP Workshop	Washington, D.C.

Editorial Services

2023–2025	Editor	Proceedings of International Conference on Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics
2022–	Associate Editor	Biogeotechnics
2022–2023	Co-editor	Special Issue on "Bio-inspired Geotechnics" by Acta Geotechnica
2022–2024	Co-editor	Special Issue on "Bio-inspired Burrowing Robots" by Frontiers in Robotics and AI
2017–	Editorial Board Member	Journal of Testing and Evaluation

Reviewing Services

Ad-hoc Reviewer	National Science Foundation
Panelist	National Science Foundation CMMI-ECI Program
Ad-hoc Reviewer	Hong Kong Research Grant Council
Acta Geotechnica	Springer
Canadian Geotechnical Journal	Canadian Science Publishing
Computers and Geomechanics	Elsevier
Construction and Building Materials	Elsevier
Engineering Geology	Elsevier
Engineering with Computers	Springer
Geotechnical Testing Journal	ASTM
Géotechnique	ICE
Granular Matter	Springer
International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer	Elsevier
International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics	Wiley
International Journal of Geomechanics	ASCE
International Journal of Geosynthetics and Ground Engineering	Springer
International Journal of Geotechnical Engineering	Taylor and Francis
Journal of Aerospace Engineering	ASCE
Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering	ASCE
Journal of Hydraulic Engineering	ASCE
Journal of Infrastructure Preservation and Resilience	Springer
Journal of Infrastructure Systems	ASCE
Journal of Materials in Civil Engineering	ASCE
Journal of Testing and Evaluations	ASTM
Journal of Transportation Engineering	ASCE
Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy	AIP
Materials and Design	Elsevier
Microsystem Technologies	Springer
Natural Hazards	Springer
Ocean Engineering	Elsevier
Powder Technology	Elsevier
The IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters	IEEE
Science Robotics	Science Magazine
Sensors	MDPI
Smart Structures and Systems, An International Journal	Techno Press
Underground Space	Elsevier
Regular reviewer for conferences	ASCE, TRB, ISSMGE

University Services

2023–2024	Committee Member	Dean's Faculty Advisory Council @FSE, ASU
2022–	Committee Member	Laboratory Committee @SSEBE, ASU
2022	Committee Member	Faculty Search Committee @SSEBE, ASU
2022	Panelist	NSF CAREER proposal workshop @SSEBE, ASU
2021	Panelist	NSF CAREER proposal workshop @SSEBE, ASU
2020–	Committee Member	Curriculum Committee @CBBG
2020	Panelist	NSF CAREER proposal writing workshop @FSE, ASU
2019	Faculty representative	Graduation Convocation @ASU

2018–2022	Committee Member	CESE Academic Affairs (Curriculum) Committee of School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment @ASU
2018–	Faculty Volunteer	E2 Camp @ASU
2014–2018	Committee Chair	Computer Committee of Department of Civil Engineering @UAkron
2014–2018	Committee Member	Faculty Research Committee @UAkron
2013–2018	Committee Co-Chair	Seminar Committee of Department of Civil Engineering @UAkron

Professional Committee Service

2017–	Committee Member	Committee on Strategic Planning of International Association of Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP)
2017–	Chair for Award Sub-committee	Committee on Geotechnics of Soil Erosion of ASCE Geo-Institute
2017–2019	Committee Chair	Committee on Slope Stability and Retaining Structures of World Transport Convention (China)
2016–2019	Committee Member	AFS40 Committee on Subsurface Soil-Structure Interaction of TRB
2016–2019	Committee Member	AFD35 Committee on Bridge Management of TRB
2016–2019	Committee Member	AFD20 Committee on Pavement Monitoring and Evaluation of TRB
2015–	Committee Member	Committee on Engineering Geology and Site Characterization of ASCE Geo-Institute
2015–2018	Committee Member	AFS10 Standing Committee on Transportation Earthworks of TRB
2014–2017	Young Committee Member	AFS60 Standing Committee on Hydrology of TRB
2014	Young Committee Member	AFS40 Committee on Subsurface Soil-Structure Interaction of TRB
2013–2016	Committee Member	AFD35 Committee on Bridge Management of TRB
2013–2016	Young Committee Member	AFD20 Committee on Pavement Monitoring and Evaluation of TRB

PERSONNEL: STUDENT SUPERVISOR/MENTORING, TEACHING, DISSERTATION COMMITTEES, RESEARCHERS, AND OUTREACH

Summary of Mentoring

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PhD Students Current	1
MS Students Graduated	14
Undergraduate research Students	24
High-School Research Students	7
Student Fellowships and Awards	20

Summary of Teaching

Undergraduate Courses Taught	5
Graduate Courses Taught	4
Average Undergraduate Teaching Score	4.5
Average Graduate Teaching Score	4.7

Mentoring

PostDoc

2024–2025	Xiwei Li	ASU	Mangrove + Scour, Co-advised with Professor Leon van Paassen,
2021	Sichuan Huang	ASU	Clam + Robot

Ph.D. Students

2021–	Sarina Shahhosseini	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2020–2024	Xiwei Li	ASU	Mangrove + Scour, Co-advised with Professor Leon van Paassen
2019–2023	Yi Zhong	ASU	Lizard/Mole +Underground Communication
2018–2023	Yong Tang	ASU	Seed Awn + Burrowing Mechanism
2018–2020	Sichuan Huang	ASU	Clam + Burrowing Mechanism
2014–2018	Junhong Li	UAkron	Bridge Scour
2014–2018	Hui Tao	UAkron	Internal Erosion

M.S. Students

2023	Marilyn Mendoza	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2022–2023	Manthan Rajendra Pai	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2022–2023	Dishika Agrawal	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2021–2023	Md Ragib Shaharear	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2019–2021	Brian Rudolph	ASU	NA, Co-advised with Professor Claudia Zapata; non-thesis
2019–2021	Drew Enns	ASU	Mangrove + Scour, Co-advised with Professor Leon van Paassen
2019–2020	Joel Ramirez	ASU	Mangrove + Scour, Co-advised with Professor Leon van Paassen; Student graduated without thesis
2016–2018	Ganesh Pandey	UAkron	Recycled glass
2015–2018	Sichuan Huang	UAkron	Burrowing Mechanisms
2015–2017	Ruotian Bao	UAkron	MICP
2015–2016	Brendan Patrick Lieske	UAkron	Shale Strength
2015–2016	Goutham Narayan Mopur	UAkron	Peat Stabilization
2014–2016	Jie Hu	UAkron	Energy Harvesting
2013–2014	Candice Fellows	UAkron	Energy Piles, Co-advised with Professor Robert Liang

Undergraduate Research Students

2023	Chiran Raj Verma	ASU	Underground Communication, Electrical Engineering
2023	Maxime Zand	ASU	Burrowing Robots, Mechanical Engineering
2023	Arin Shaw	ASU	Animal Self-burial, Biology
2023	Varun Kumar	ASU	Underground Navigation, Computer Science
2021–2023	Mohan Parekh	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2021	Ashwin Kumar S	ASU	Burrowing Robots, SURI, from Easwari Engineering College, India
2021	Harsh Rajkamal	ASU	Burrowing Robots, SURI, from Vellore Institute of Technology, India
2021	Shesha Sai Tushar Kanchipuram	ASU	Burrowing Robots, SURI, from Biral Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India
2021	Zakary Vladich	ASU	Burrowing Robots, REU, from Northern Arizona University
2021	Leslie Bautista and Marilyn Mendoza	ASU	Geo-prediction, Co-advised with Professors Ed Kavazanjian and Leon van Paassen

2020–2021	Chung Ting Wong	ASU	Mangrove + Scour, Co-advised with Professor Leon van Paassen
2020	Andrew Suarez	ASU	Burrowing Robots, REU, Veteran
2019–2021	Alexandria Arden	ASU	Burrowing Robots, Mechanical Engineering
2019	Lindsay Lee	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2019	Amanda Clarke	ASU	Burrowing Robots, VIP program
2019	Brandon Grimes	ASU	Burrowing Robots, VIP program
2019–2020	Stephen Dages	ASU	Burrowing Robots, REU, Physics, from West Chester University
2019	Khem Holden	ASU	Burrowing Robots, REU, Robotics, from University of California, Santa Cruz
2019	Hyun Choi	ASU	Burrowing Robots, REU, Biology
2019	Makram Jreissat	ASU	Burrowing Robots
2017	Nathaniel Green	UAKron	MICP, Biology
2016–2017	Gwen Baker	UAKron	Recycled glass
2015	Daniel Gutwein	UAKron	Energy Harvesting
2014–2015	Matthew Cymbal	UAKron	Underwater Robot

High School Research Students

2024	Ariana Cota	Corona del Sol High School	Bio-inspired Helical Burrowing Robot
2024	Aliya Khan	BASIS Chandler	Bio-inspired Helical Burrowing Robot
2021	Jannette Marti-Subirana	Chandler Preparatory Academy	Burrowing Mechanisms
2017	Sophia Solganik	Shaker Heights High School	DEM simulation
2017	Lillian Gonzalez	Home-schooled	DEM simulation
2016	Nicholas Robinson	Green High School	3D printing
2016	Brandon Leap	Kent High School	3D printing

Visiting Scholars

2019–2020	Yunqi Gao	Hohai University	Seismic wave
2016–2018	Xiangrong Wang	Peking University	MICP
2015–2016	Haichao Li	Heibei University of Technology	Explosive compaction

Served as a Thesis Committee Member for

2022–2023	Saeedeh Naziri	NMSU	NA, Civil Engineering
2021	Jasmine Victoria	UC Davis	NA, Civil Engineering
2020	Nana Kwame Ofosu	ASU	NA, Mechanical Engineering
2019–2023	Thibaut Houette	UAKron	NA, Biology
2019	Daehyun Kim	ASU	NA, Civil Engineering
2018–2020	Ariana Rupp	UAKron	NA, Biology
2017	Baiping Ren	UAKron	NA, Chemical Engineering
2017	Bimal Thapa	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2017	Krishna Vamshi	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2016–2017	Long Chen	UAKron	NA, Chemical Engineering
2016	Li Zhao	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2016	Behnam Kiani	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2016	Tanvir Quasem	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2015	Hui Wang	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2015	Ayako Yajima	UAKron	NA, Civil Engineering
2015	Morteza Vatani	UAKron	NA, Mechanical Engineering

2015	Ahmed F. Elghriany	UAkron	NA, <i>Civil Engineering</i>
2014	Abbas Rahimi	UAkron	NA, <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
2014	Ali Moradkhany	UAkron	NA, <i>Civil Engineering</i>

Student Success

2024	Sarina Shahhosseini	Trent R. Dames and William W. Moore Fellowships, @American Society for Civil Engineers	
2024	Sarina Shahhosseini	Student Fellowship, @Arizona Geo-institute	
2024	Xiwei Li	Graduate Fellowship, @SSEBE	
2023	Sarina Shahhosseini	Graduate Fellowship, @SSEBE	
2022	Sarina Shahhosseini	Third Place Outstanding Research Poster Award, @2022 CBBG Mid-Year Meeting	
2022	Yi ZHong	Student Leadership Council Travel Stipend, @ASCE Geo-institute	
2021	Alexandra Ardentte	FURI scholarship, @ASU Schools of Engineering	
2021	Leslie Bautista and Marilyn Mendoza	Geo-prediction Competition Finalist, @ASCE Geo-institute	
2021	Yong Tang	Geo-poster Competition Finalist (Top 6), @ASCE Geo-institute	
2021	Yi Zhong	Student Scholarship, @Arizona Geo-Institute	
2021	Yi Zhong	Second-place Poster Award, @ASU Annual SSEBE Graduate Research Symposium	
2020	Alexandra Ardentte	FURI scholarship, @ASU Schools of Engineering	
2020	Sichuan Huang	Second-place Poster Award, @ASU Annual SSEBE Graduate Research Symposium	
2019	Sichuan Huang	Outstanding Volunteer Award, @4th CBBG Annual Meeting	
2019	Sichuan Huang	Third Place Outstanding Research Poster Award, @4th CBBG Annual Meeting	
2019	Sichuan Huang	Third Place in Poster Competition, @ASU Annual SSEBE Graduate Research Symposium	
2017	Ruotian Bao and Junhong Li	Excellent Paper Award, @International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials	
2016	Junhong Li	Civil Engineering Department Scholarship Awards, @University of Akron	
2016	Sichuan Huang	Software training scholarship, @Itasca Education Partnership (IEP) program	
2015	Hui Tao	First Place Award in Poster Competition, @IACIP	

Outreach Activities

2023	Volunteer	ASU Homecoming Block Party Science Booth (CBBG)	ASU
2022	Volunteer	ASU Homecoming Block Party Science Booth (CBBG)	ASU
2020	Volunteer	ASU Engineering Open Door	ASU
2019	Volunteer	ASU Homecoming Block Party Science Booth (CBBG)	ASU
2019	Faculty Mentor	REU/RET	ASU CBBG
2019	Volunteer	CompuPower SRE Lab Tours	ASU
2018	Volunteer	ASU RECHARGE Conference	ASU
2018	Volunteer	ASU Engineering Open Door	ASU
2018	Volunteer	ASU Homecoming Block Party Science Booth (CBBG)	ASU
2017	Mentor	High School Summer Research Academy in Engineering	UAkron
2017	Supervisor	Science Olympiad Tournament	Akron, Ohio
2016	Mentor	High School Summer Research Academy in Engineering	UAkron
2016	Judge	Northeastern Ohio STEM Science Fair	Kent State
2015	Speed Mentor	Northeastern Ohio STEM Science Fair	Hudson High
2011	Junior Mentor	Introduce a Girl into Engineering	CWRU

Teaching

At ASU

CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2025 Spring	35	4.63/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2025 Spring	2	5/5
CEE-494 Bio-inspired Design	2025 Spring	14	5/5
CEE-598 Bio-inspired Design	2025 Spring	5	4.6/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2024 Fall	15	4.36/5
CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2024 Spring	30	4.38/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2024 Spring	3	4/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2023 Fall	6	5/5
CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2023 Spring	14	4.24/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2023 Spring	1	3.67/5
CEE-494 Bio-inspired Design	2023 Spring	14	4.78/5
CEE-598 Bio-inspired Design	2023 Spring	4	5/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2022 Fall	6	4.5/5
CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2022 Spring	29	4.25/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2022 Spring	2	4.5/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2021 Fall	13	4.6/5
CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2021 Spring	49	4.52/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2021 Spring	4	4.5/5
CEE-494 Bio-inspired Design	2021 Spring	14	4.8/5
CEE-598 Bio-inspired Design	2021 Spring	6	5/5
CEE-452 Foundation Engineering	2020 Spring	57	4.45/5
CEE-598 Foundation Engineering	2020 Spring	3	5/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2019 Fall	13	4.82/5
CEE-494 Bio-inspired Design	2019 Spring	13	4.8/5
CEE-598 Bio-inspired Design	2019 Spring	8	4.78/5
CEE-550 Soil Behavior	2018 Fall	10	4.85/5

At UAkron

4300-314 Geotechnical Engineering	2018 Spring	48	NA/5
4300-201 Statics	2017 Fall	60	NA/5
4300-518 Soil and Rock Exploration	2017 Fall	15	NA/5
4300-314 Geotechnical Engineering	2017 Spring	49	3.85/5
4300-694 Fundamental Behaviors of Soil	2017 Spring	7	5/5
4300-201 Statics	2016 Fall	47	4.51/5
4300-518 Soil and Rock Exploration	2016 Fall	12	4.8/5
4300-314 Geotechnical Engineering	2016 Spring	45	4.42/5
4300-694 Fundamental Behaviors of Soil	2016 Spring	5	4.9/5
4300-201 Statics	2015 Fall	60	4.32/5
4300-518 Soil and Rock Exploration	2015 Fall	14	4.68/5
4300-314 Geotechnical Engineering	2015 Spring	67	4.2/5
4300-694 Fundamental Behaviors of Soil	2015 Spring	4	5/5
4300-201 Statics	2014 Fall	60	4.27/5
4300-418 Soil and Rock Exploration	2014 Fall	2	4.43/5
4300-518 Soil and Rock Exploration	2014 Fall	3	4.88/5
4300-314 Geotechnical Engineering	2014 Spring	40	4/5
4300-314 Geotechnical Lab	2014 Spring	5	5/5
4300-201 Statics	2013 Fall	49	4.2/5

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Summary of Research Support

Total amount of all pending proposals	\$1,050,000
Total amount of all awards	\$18,777,247
Tao's recognition in all awards	\$2,620,460
Total amount of all awards in which Tao is the PI	\$1,852,519
Tao's total award amount received at ASU	\$2,118,705

External Funding

2025–	PI: Julian Tao. “In-situ Seabed Physical Properties Probe”. <i>US Department of Defense, Nou Systems, Inc.</i> . Share: 100%.	\$15,000
2024–	PI: Julian Tao. “Soft Robot for Locomotion in Granular Seabed Media”. <i>US Department of Defense, Nou Systems, Inc.</i> . Share: 100%.	\$42,043
2020–2025	PI: Edward Kavazanjian; Co-PI: Zapata, C., Saenz, D., Garcia-Pichel, F., Shock, E., Allenby, B., Rittmann, B., Torres, C., Krajmalnik-Brown, R., Delgado, A., Vivoni, E., Neithalath, N., Cadillo-Quiroz, H., Boyer, T., van Paassen, L., Tao, J., Hamdan, N., Savenye, W., Larson, J.. “Engineering Research Center for Bio-Mediated and Bio-Inspired Geotechnics (CBBG)”. <i>National Science Foundation</i> . Share: 5%.	\$16,444,444
2019–2021	PI: Julian Tao; Co-PI: Daniel Aukes, Hamidreza Marvi. “EAGER SitS: Active Self-Boring Robots that Enable Next Generation Dynamic Underground Wireless Sensing Networks: Fusion of Fast Prototyping, Modeling and Learning”. <i>National Science Foundation</i> . Share: 34%.	\$316,000
2018–2023	PI: Julian Tao. “CAREER: Integrated Research and Education on Bio-Inspired Burrowing”. <i>National Science Foundation</i> . Share: 100%.	\$532,000
2018–2018	PI: Savas Kaya; Co-PI: Julian Tao, Munir Nazzal, Yilmaz Sozer and Ala Abbas. “Roadway Kinetic Energy Capture and Conversion”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 20%.	\$30,284
2017–2018	PI: Qindan Huang; Co-PI: Julian Tao. “Evaluation of Effective Bridge Deck Repair Maintenance Methods”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 50%.	\$50,000
2016–2018	PI: Julian Tao. “Use of Crushed Recycled Glass in the Construction of Local Roadways”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 100%.	\$144,160
2016–2017	PI: Julian Tao. “Evaluation of Post Flooding Shoulder Reconditioning”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 100%.	\$32,427
2014–2017	PI: Julian Tao; Co-PI: Robert Liang. “Performance Comparison of Abutment and Retaining Wall Drainage Systems”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 80%.	\$285,000
2014–2015	PI: Julian Tao; Co-PI: Robert Liang. “Stabilization of Peat Deposits for Roadway Construction and Remediation”. <i>The Ohio Department of Transportation</i> . Share: 80%.	\$65,889

Internal Funding

2019–	PI: Julian Tao. “Bio-inspired underground communication”. <i>NSF ERC Center for Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics</i> . Share: 100%.	\$400,000
2019–	PI: Leon van Paassen; Co-PI: Julian Tao. “Bio-based Scour Countermeasures”. <i>NSF ERC Center for Bio-mediated and Bio-inspired Geotechnics</i> . Share: 50%.	\$400,000
2016–2017	PI: Julian Tao. “Microbial Induced Calcite Precipitation as Erosion and Bridge Scour Countermeasure”. <i>Summer Faculty Fellowship at The University of Akron</i> . Share: 100%.	\$10,000

2014–2014 PI: Julian Tao; Co-PI: Jiahua Zhu, Gunjin Yun. “Bio-inspired Piezo-electrochromic Full-field Strain Sensing by Multilayered Nanocomposites”. *Biomimicry Research and Innovation Center Initiative Research Incentive Grant at The University of Akron*. Share: 34%. \$10,000