

# Presidents Address

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## 1 Reason for inception

The society was created because of the lack of existing options to explore composites in the current university environment. We believe that needs to change.

## 2 Long-term vision

The society becomes integrated into the department of engineering at such a time there is the equipment and relevant expertise in the department. This is likely when the new department building is finished. We currently have no university affiliation.

## 3 Projects

Projects will be led by members at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The current focus is on cheap and easy proof of concepts in order to build up the internal skill-set.

## 4 Funding and Equipment

3D printer and an initial composites kit are given access to by founding members. There is no workshop and so it will have to be in members houses. After the initial proof of concepts, sponsorship will be sought in addition to membership fees. Both are expected to be small revenue streams initially. The primary expenditures will be 3D printing filament, composites consumables and long-term equipment savings.

## 5 Membership

Due to the lack of appropriate equipment, membership will be highly restricted as we cannot support large membership numbers. Total Michaelmas Term membership is not expected to exceed 10. The positions will be not advertised except through word-of-mouth and personal recommendation.