GRADUATE PORTFOLIO GUIDE

MAE GRADUATE CAREER SERVICES

WHAT IS A PORTFOLIO?

A professional portfolio is a curated collection of materials that showcases your skills, experience, and accomplishments. For MAE graduate students, a portfolio is a valuable tool to highlight your technical, research, and project-based expertise.

WHY HAVE A PORTFOLIO?

- Demonstrate your ability to solve complex engineering problems
- Showcase projects beyond your resume
- Communicate your research and design skills visually
- Stand out in interviews and networking

WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Introduction / About Me
- Resume
- Projects & Research
- Technical Skills
- Presentations & Publications
- Professional Experience
- Awards & Certifications
- Contact Information

TIPS FOR A STRONG PORTFOLIO

- Organize content clearly with logical headings
- Highlight *quality* projects, not everything you've ever done
- Include visuals – diagrams, CAD models, charts, videos
- Keep it easy to navigate
- Update each semester
- Respect confidentiality (blur or remove proprietary details if needed)

PORTFOLIO PLATFORMS TO CONSIDER

- Google Sites (free, simple)
- Wix (customizable)
- WordPress (advanced features)
- LinkedIn (basic but acceptable)

QUESTIONS?

Contact MAE Career Services:

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