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# Theme: Engineering Innovations for a Sustainable Future

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# Bridging the Skills Gap in Engineering Education



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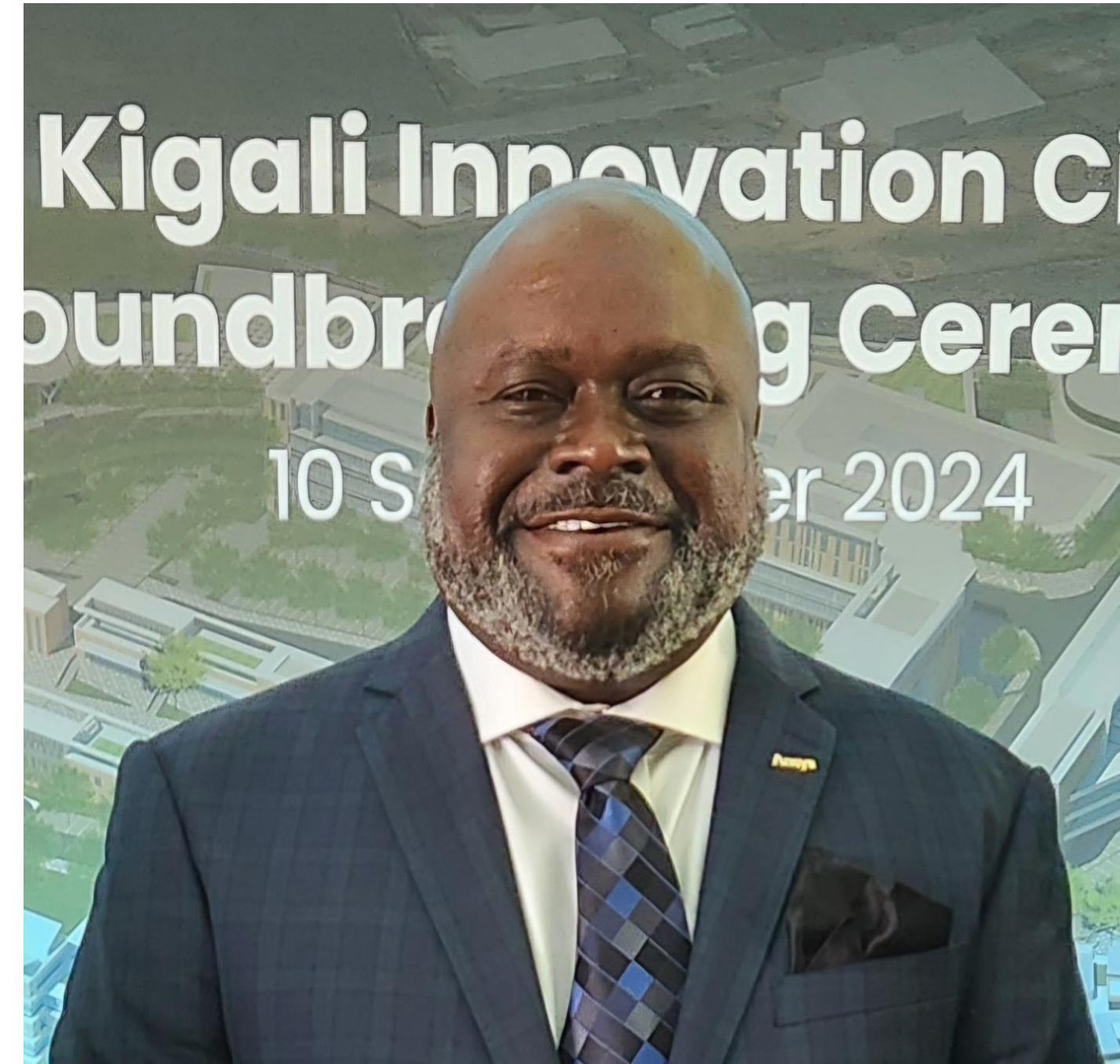
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**Hello, it's nice to meet you**



Stella Kaniaru

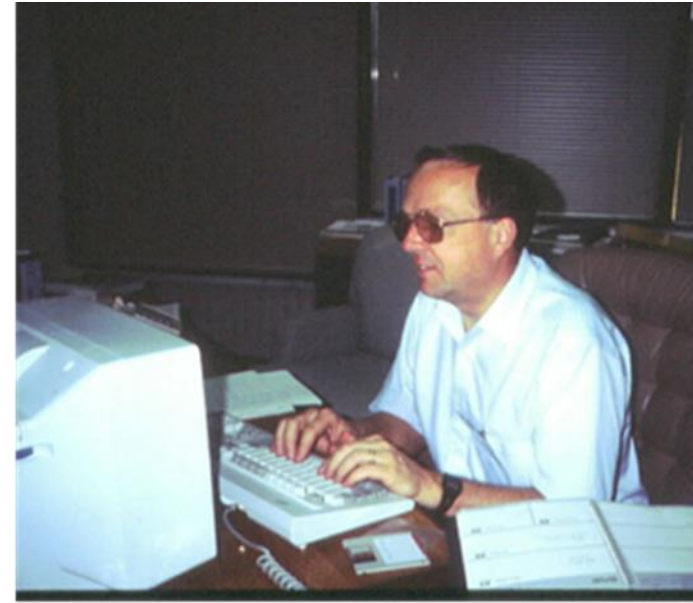


Lou Major

# Agenda

- **An introduction to Ansys**
- **The Ansys Academic Program**
- **The Engineering Skills Gap**
- **Partnerships that work**

# Over 50 years of innovation, starting with an idea...



**/ 1970**

Ansys is founded by John Swanson in his garage in Canonsburg, PA and they had **2 employees**.

**/ 1994-1996**

Ansys becomes the company's official name in 1994 and later goes public in 1996. They now have **235 employees**.

**/ 2024**

Ansys is the industry-leader in simulation software with over **6,200 employees** with offices in **40+ countries**



**34 Acquisitions**

SASI



# Accelerating the Digital Transformation

## FOCUSED

**Simulation is all we do.**  
Over 50 years of leading technologies in all physics areas. Largest development team focused on simulation.

## PROVEN

**\$2.27 Billion USD**  
2023 Revenue

## GLOBAL

**5,200+ Full-Time Employees**  
90+ Offices Worldwide

## COMMITTED

**93% 2022 Customer Satisfaction Score**

**29**

STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS

**\$5B+**

INVESTED IN ACQUISITIONS

ROCKY

DYNA MORE

C&R TECHNOLOGIES

aws

onscale

Motor Design Limited

SAP

PHOENIX INTEGRATION

Zemax

RA Rockwell Automation

AGI

lumerical

SYNOPSYS

**350+**

TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

optiSlang

ptc

LSTC  
Livermore Software Technology Corp.

DFR Solutions  
RELIABILITY DESIGNED & DELIVERED

Microsoft

**3,000+**

UNIVERSITIES IN 90 COUNTRIES

AUTODESK

**Ansys**

FLUENT ANSYS  
ANSOFT  
Apache  
OPTIS  
GRANTA MATERIAL REPLICATION  
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# ...Enabling continuous development



**1903**

The Wright brothers designed and flew the first airplane called the Kitty Hawk Flyer capable of a 12 second controlled flight.



**Today**

Modern-day airplanes feature sophisticated avionics, enhanced safety systems, increased fuel efficiency, and capabilities for long-haul travel at high speeds

# Ansys: Multiphysics simulation leaders

## Electronics

To figure out how all the electronics will connect with each other, and how to keep them from getting too hot or too cold.

## 3D Design

Like a sketchpad, to try out different designs for the shape of the plane

## Embedded software & Safety

To create and test important software like the flight controls and make sure everything meets safety rules

## Fluids

To simulate how air flows around a plane which helps to improve speed and efficiency

## Connect

To find the best materials to use and to design all the systems to work together efficiently

## Optics & Acoustics

To test how lights work inside and outside the plane, and how to control any noise

## Structures

To test how all the materials work, how parts will move around and even what will happen if a bird hits the plane!

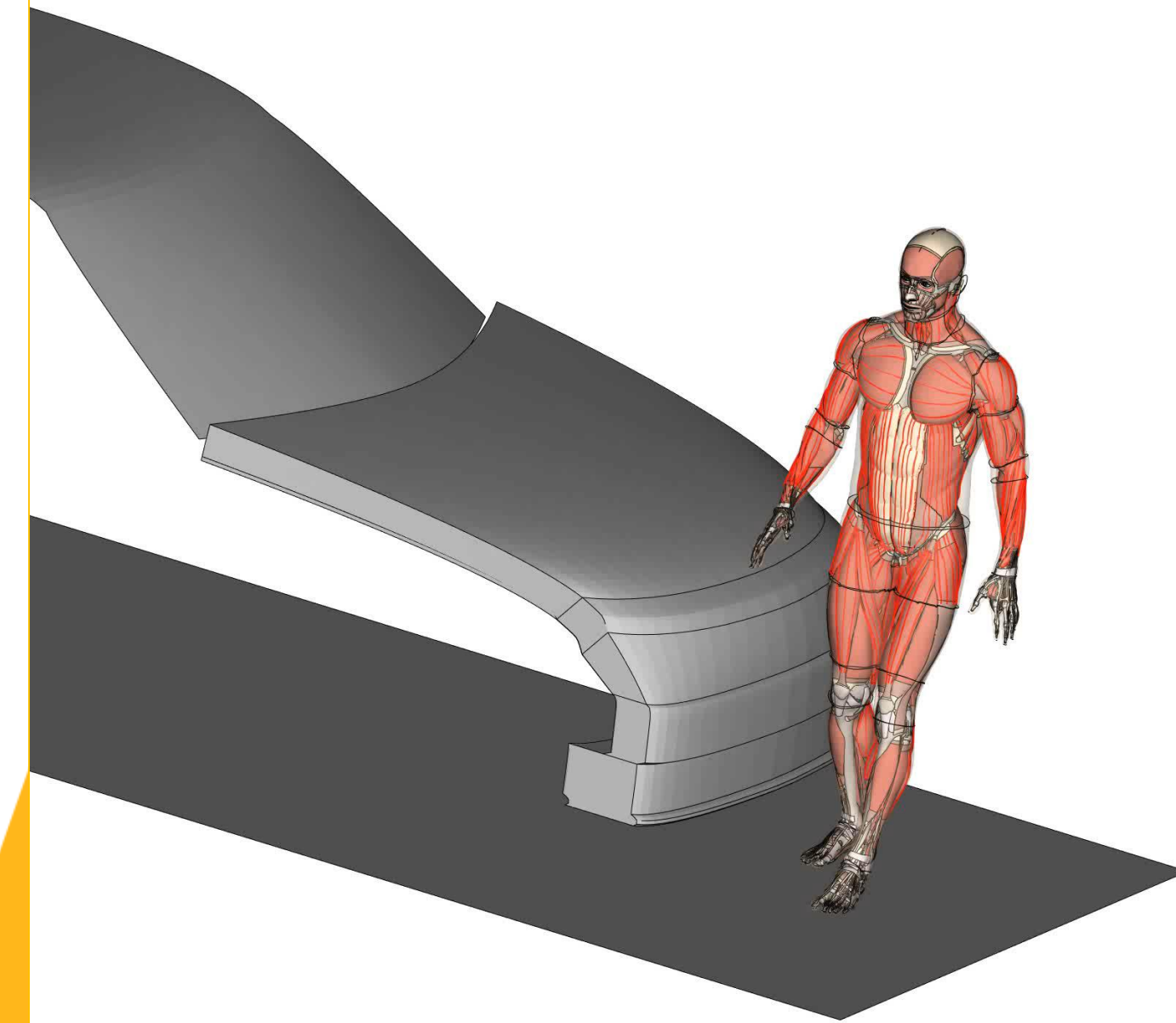
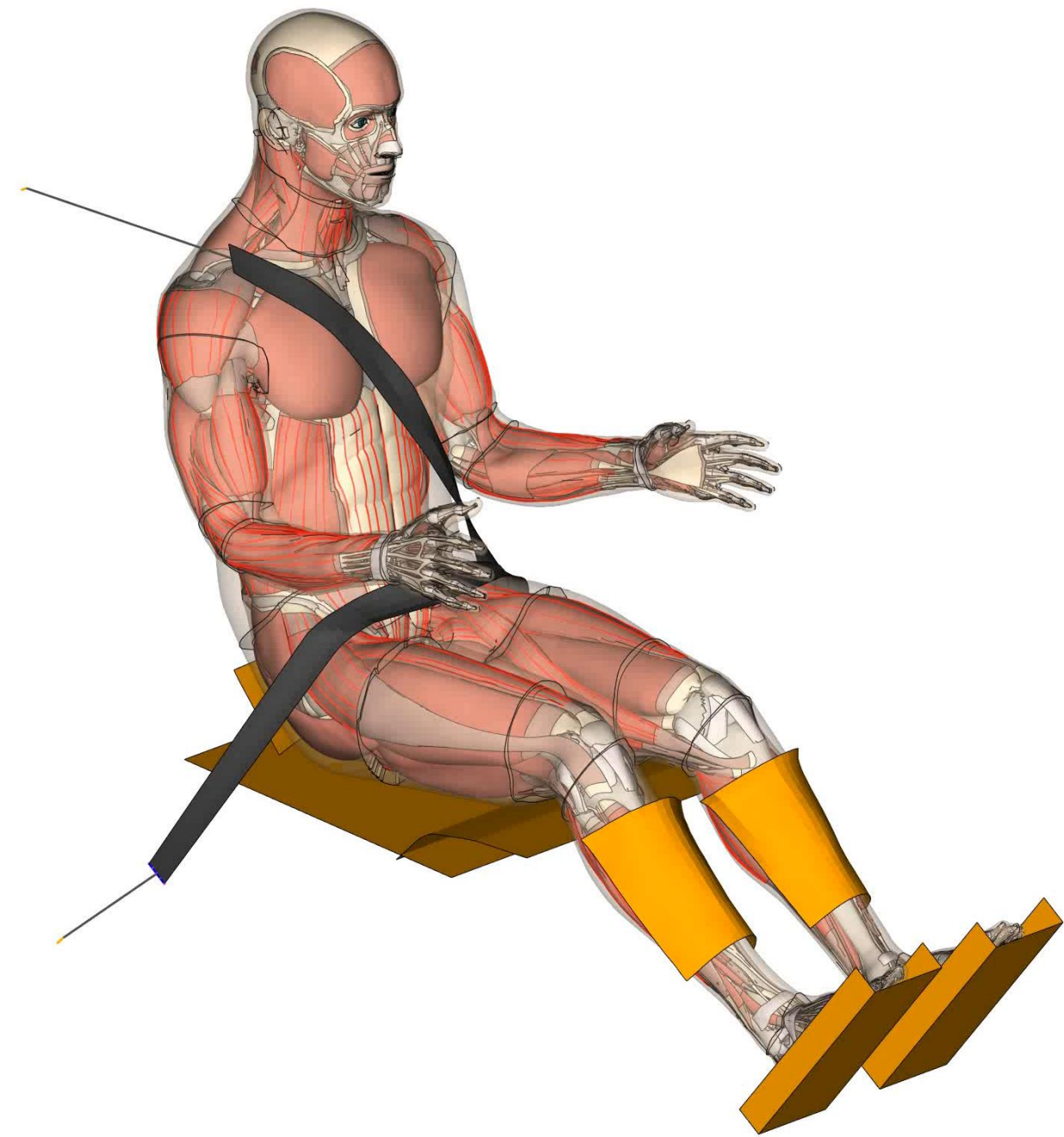




# Multiphysics simulation in action



# Multiphysics simulation in action



# Driving Innovation at World-Class Companies



# The Ansys Academic Program



# The Ansys Academic Program

## Mission:

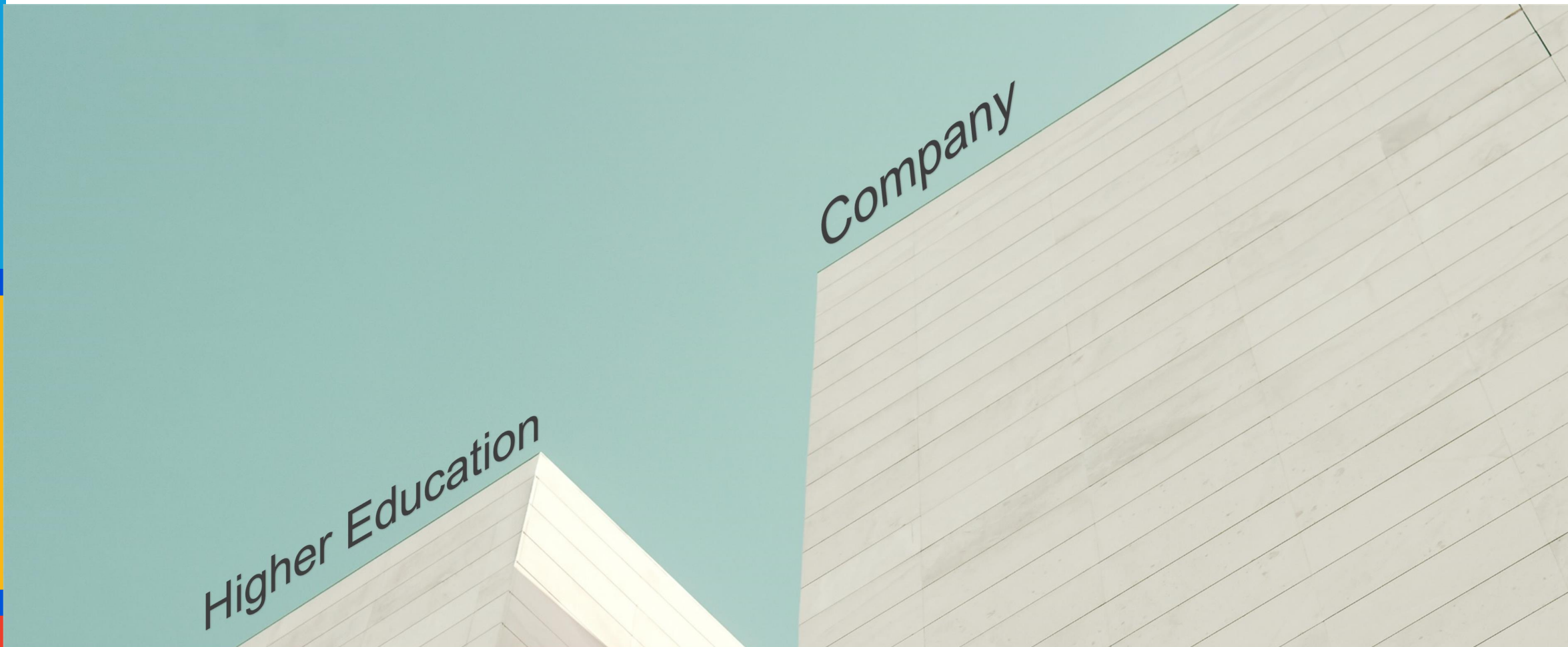
To foster and support the use of simulation in engineering, science and design curricula by providing students, educators, and researchers access to industry-leading simulation software, partnerships, learning and education resources.

**30+**

Dedicated Team  
Members



# The engineering skills gap



**A skills gap : “a lack of skills or abilities found in a potential employee, leading to challenges in gaining employment post-graduation”**

# Falling into the skills gap

Higher Education

Company



# Attempting to bridge the gap



Three/Four/Five years to cover  
the fundamentals required to  
apply the cutting-edge  
technology



And the amount is only  
increasing



What needs to be focused on?



# Bridging the gap: the evolving engineering curriculum

Fundamental & advanced engineering concepts

Contract Law			Teamwork & Collaboration
Ethics			Sustainability
Critical thinking			Coding
Writing			AI/Machine learning
Presentations skills			Simulation & other software

Pedagogical approaches

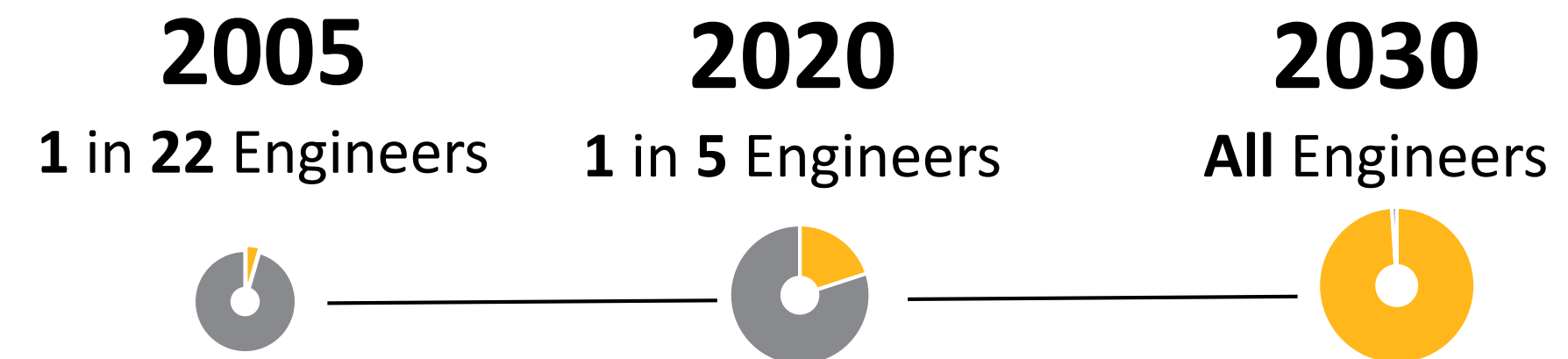
# The growing use of simulation in engineering

**60** %

of engineers at best-in-class companies use simulation



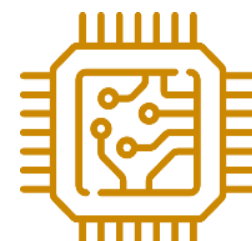
## Projected Simulation Use Trajectory



AEROSPACE & DEFENSE



TRANSPORTATION



HIGH-TECH



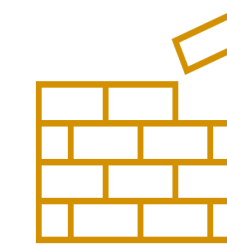
HEALTHCARE



INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT



ENERGY



CONSTRUCTION

# Industry-academic partnerships are necessary



***While there are several university success stories, academic leadership must work more proactively and closely with industry to define and implement a next-generation 21st Century engineering curriculum.***



[CIMdata – Need for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Engineering Curriculum \(Jan 2019\)](#)  
2019)

# Ansys Academic Partnerships

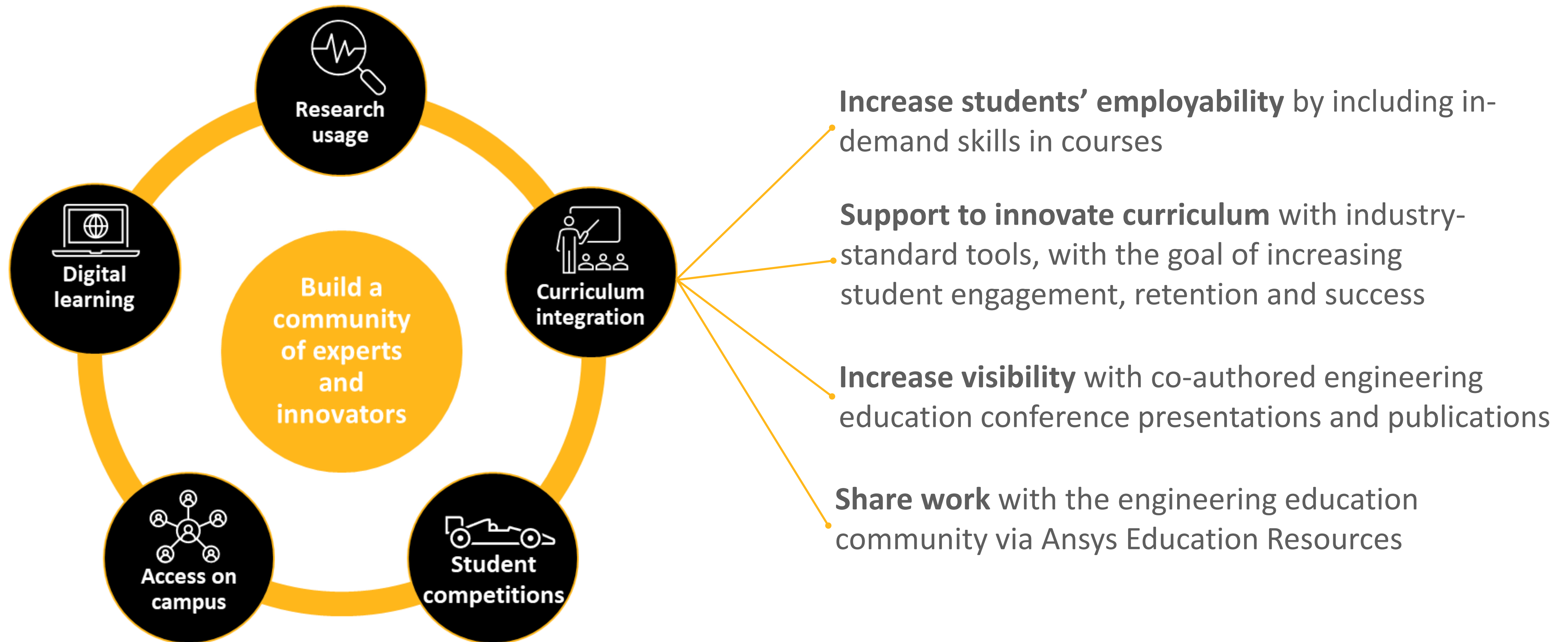
Funded Curriculum Partnerships

Student Team Partnerships

STEM Partnerships



# Funded curriculum partnerships



# Funded curriculum partnerships



## Application Process

### 1 Grant Application

Application includes:

1. Grant proposal detailing course(s) to be introduced/adapted to include Ansys
2. Faculty CV

## Overview

Ansys has an open invitation for funded curriculum proposals in 2024. Each Ansys Education Grant will be awarded to an accredited college or university to support an instructor or team of instructors to incorporate Ansys simulation tools into a course(s) not currently using Ansys or enable the creation of a new course, program, or certification with Ansys simulation used throughout. The grant can include several elements of support:

- A grant of up to \$25,000 for a series of courses within a department(s) or up to \$5,000 considered for an individual course.
- A dedicated Ansys Education Development Manager for guidance and technical assistance.

## Eligibility Requirements

This grant program is competitive. To be considered for a 2024 Ansys Education Grant, college and university applicants must:

- Be an existing Ansys customer (preference shown toward Multiphysics Campus-Wide Solution customers).
- Be an accredited public or private four-year tertiary educational institution.
- Be an organization that is consistent with Ansys **nondiscriminatory policies and practices**.
- Meet the **minimum infrastructure requirements** to support the use of the technology.

### Required Criteria

1. The lead instructor must demonstrate familiarity with Ansys simulation tools.
2. The proposals must promote innovations that enhance learning in at least one of the following undergraduate degree programs where Ansys simulation is not already being used:
  - a. Engineering (aerospace, mechanical, electrical, computer, chemical, civil)
  - b. Computer science
  - c. Natural sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, physiology)
  - d. Industrial and product design
  - e. Sustainability
3. Describe a project team that includes:
  - a. One or more instructors who will use the technology for teaching.
  - b. An expert advisor in teaching/learning and/or instructional technology.
  - c. Approval of the project from a lead administrator (dean, rector, department head, or equivalent) responsible for the degree program.
4. Inclusion of Ansys tools in courses where use does not already exist (e.g., proposals can't be submitted to update to the newest version of software or to expand toolset).



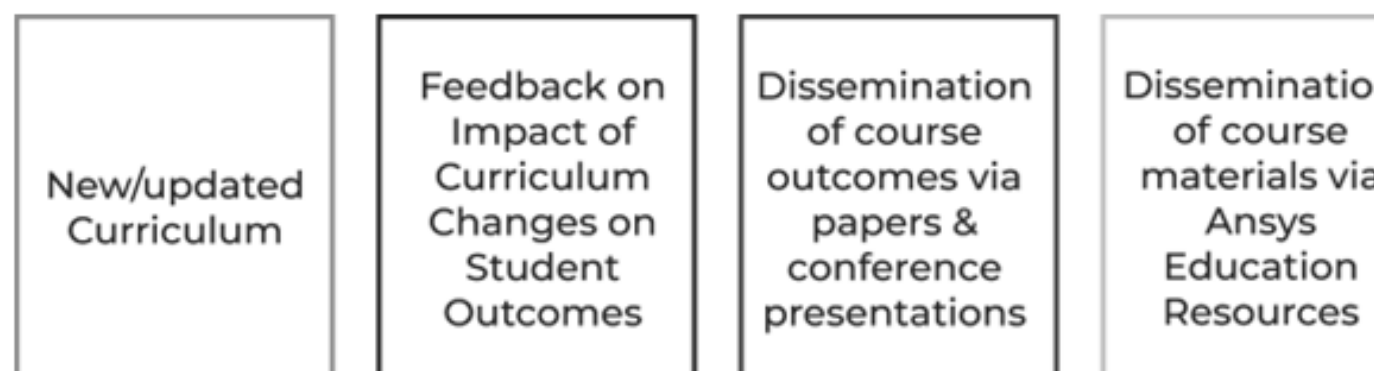
Invitation for Funded Curriculum Proposals / 1

### Institution

- Check-ins
- Course content dissemination on Ansys Education Resources site
- Mutually beneficial marketing opportunities

First course must be delivered within first year of receiving funds

## Deliverables

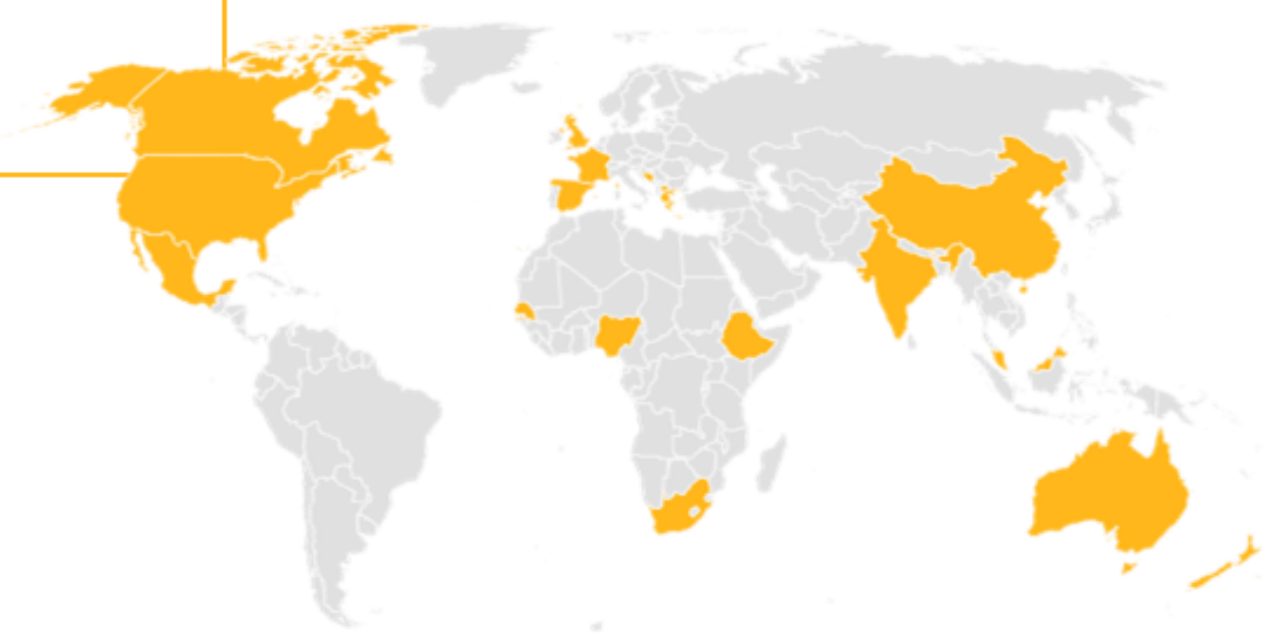


# Funded curriculum partnerships... so far

Oct 2022

→ June 2024

To date we have received **72 proposals** from **67 universities** in **18 countries**

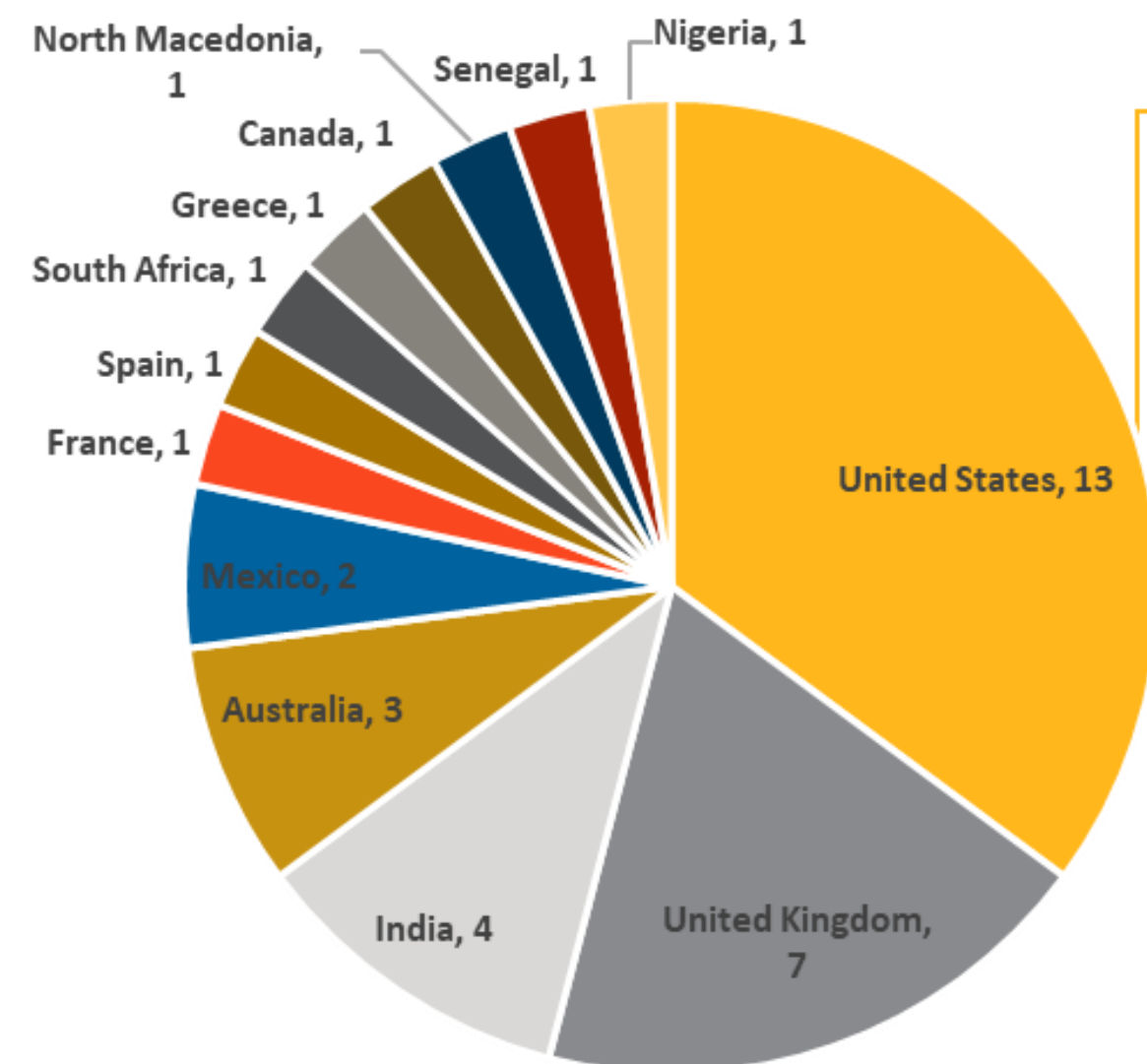


**85 courses** are being created/updated across **10 engineering disciplines**, powered by **22 different Ansys tools**

We have **24 new teaching resources** in development

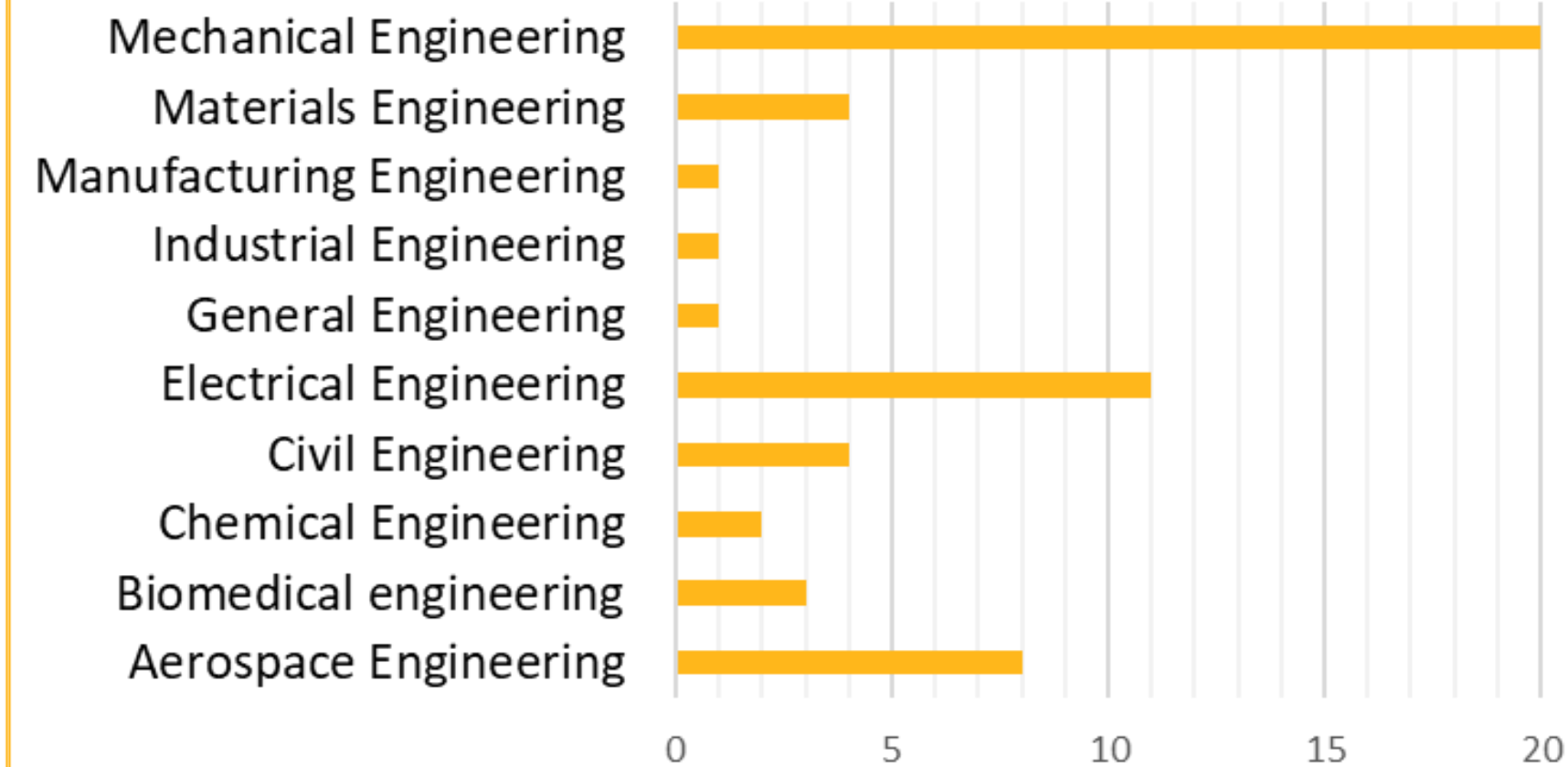
## Powered by

- ACP
- CFX
- Design Modeler
- Discovery
- Granta EduPack
- Fluent
- HFSS
- Icepak
- LS Dyna
- Lumerical
- Maxwell
- Material Designer
- Medini
- OptisLang
- Rocky
- RedHawk
- SCADE
- Sherlock
- STK
- Thermal Desktop
- Twin Builder
- Zemax



We are currently working with **35 universities** in **13 countries** impacting around **10,000 students**

## Engineering Disciplines



# Some exciting outcomes



*“Teaching with Ansys Fluent software will give the students mastery in CFD tools, which will make them competitive for the local and international job market, postgraduate studies, and product design innovation.”*

— Olabode Thomas Olakoyejo, Ph.D., senior lecturer,  
University of Lagos

## University of Lagos, Nigeria

Reinforcing its commitment to supporting the next generation of engineers, Ansys announced that it would contribute \$250,000 toward funded curriculum proposals. Through two successful open calls supported by the [Ansys Academic Program](#), Ansys invited educators of accredited academic institutions from around the world to submit proposals to reshape existing undergraduate engineering curricula or develop new curricula using Ansys' simulation tools in strategic ways. The first open call gave priority to proposals that spanned multiple courses in a department and included simulation in at least one first- or second-year course while the second focused on undergraduate engineering courses covering sustainability or electronics topics.



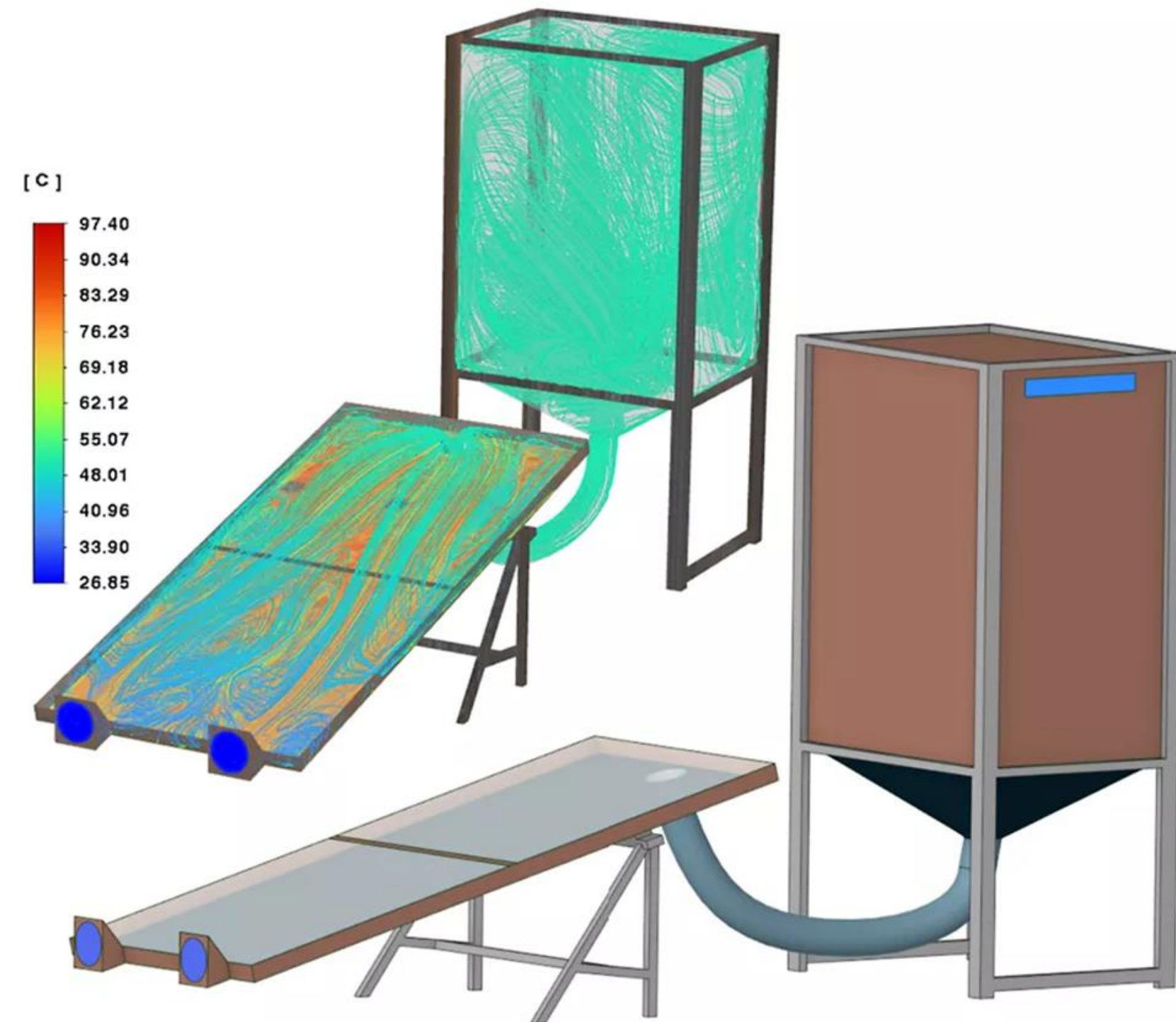
University of Lagos (UNILAG) senior lecturers Olabode Thomas Olakoyejo, Ph.D. (far left), and Olayinka Adewumi, Ph.D. (center left), with former graduate student Ibrahim Fetuga (center right), welcomed undergraduate engineering students to an Ansys workshop and training session in March.



# Collaborative teaching resources

## Applications of Solar Energy in Daily Life: a solar food dehydrator

This project leverages Ansys Fluent® fluid simulation software to model and optimize the integration of solar energy into daily life. We focus on improving solar vacuum dryers for better food preservation by optimizing air circulation and temperature control through CFD simulations. Our results demonstrate promising solutions for more sustainable and efficient practices, contributing to the fight against climate change. This innovative approach reduces reliance on fossil fuels and promotes more eco-responsible energy use. By enhancing the efficiency of solar dryers, we aim to provide viable and sustainable solutions for various sectors.



**Dr. Oumar Drame**  
Cheikh Anta Diop  
University of Dakar  
Senegal

# Invitation for Funded Curriculum Opportunities

You are **teaching** a course in **Engineering, Science, Design and/or Sustainability**.

You want to create an **innovative** curriculum to prepare students for their career.

Ansys **supports** you

Submit a **proposal** 

- ✓ Existing Ansys customers
- ✓ Undergraduate courses
- ✓ Combination of Ansys technologies
- ✓ Proven teaching and assessment methods
- ✓ **For this round proposals for multiple courses/ as part of a department wide/cross departmental courses are preferred.**



Closing date is  
**March  
30th 2025**

## Grants available:

Up to **\$5,000**  
for a single course

Up to **\$25,000**  
for a series of courses

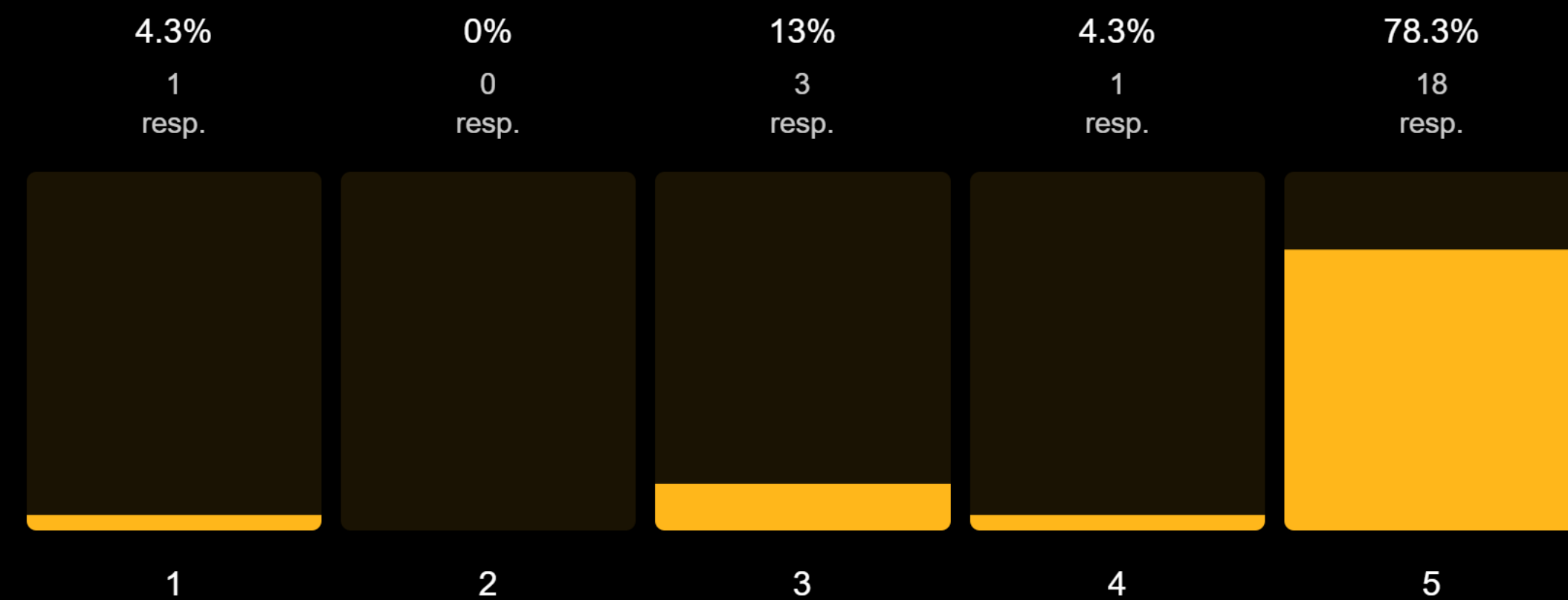
# Students' feedback



I believe that the Ansys software will be useful in my future career.

23 out of 25 answered

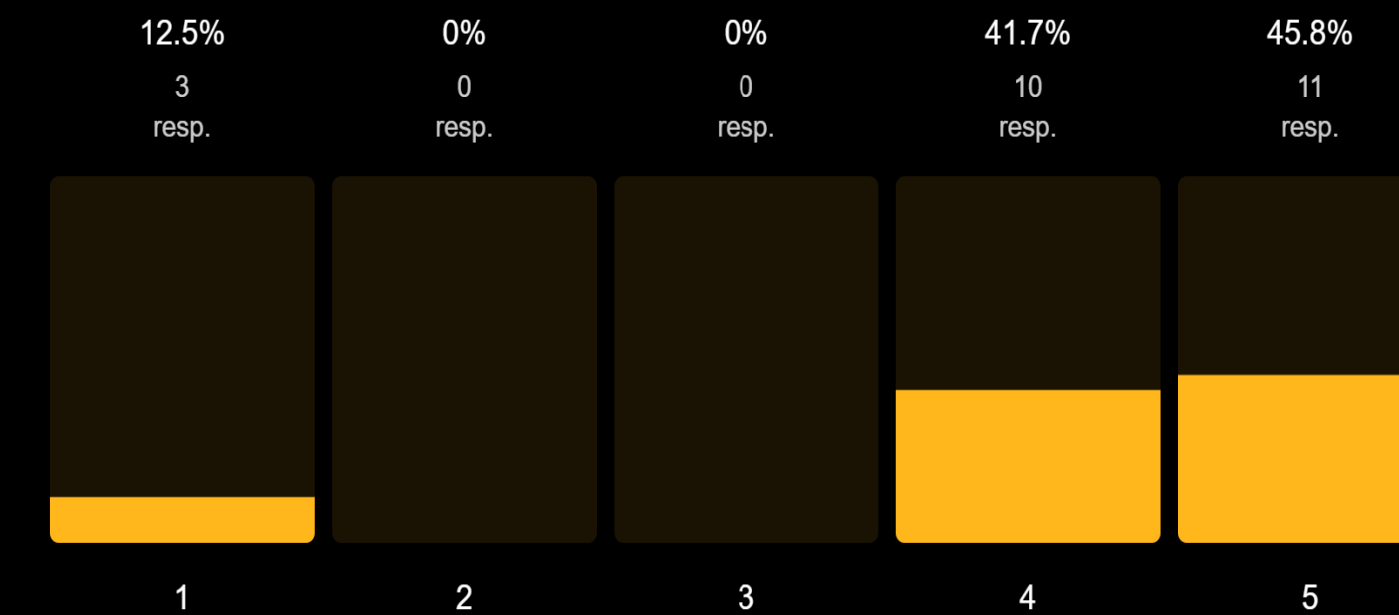
4.5 Average rating



Ansys software improved my understanding of the course material.

24 out of 25 answered

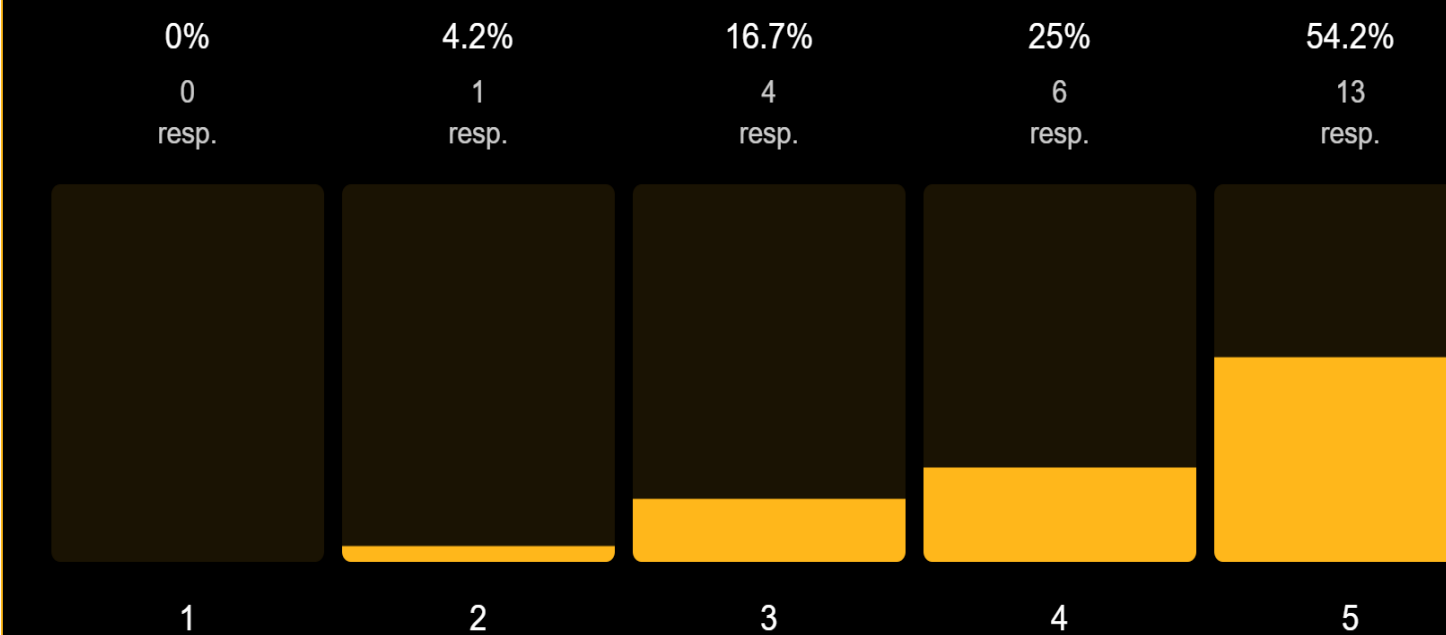
4.1 Average rating



I now know how to use Ansys software for future projects.

24 out of 25 answered

4.3 Average rating



# Partnering with student design teams

## Student Design Teams

Ansys partners with student teams competing in a variety of competitions by providing access to free research software, learning resources, and support.

[REQUEST PARTNERSHIP ▶](#)

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# Partnering with student design teams

Ansys has sponsored 800+ student teams in these competitions:

- Formula Student
- Solar Challenge
- Electronic Design Competition
- Solar Splash
- SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Design
- Human Vehicle Challenge (HPVC)
- Many more!



# What can these student teams get from Ansys?

Student Team Partnerships

## Free Software, Resources, and Support Utilized by Teams Globally

Student teams using Ansys have a competitive edge and gain a skillset required to be successful in the real world. Ansys provides university-based student teams free research software, resources, and support. Student teams using Ansys participate in a range of global competitions including but not limited to Formula SAE (FSAE), Hyperloop Pod Competition, Solar Car Challenge, F1 in Schools, and a variety of autonomous vehicle and rocket design challenges.



FLUIDS



STRUCTURES



ELECTRONICS



3D DESIGN



MATERIALS

# Free online training for all

## Ansys Innovation Courses

Ansys Innovation Courses are award-winning, free, online physics and engineering courses designed for educators, students and engineers to enhance simulation and physics learning.



Hundreds of  
free online  
courses



**LEARNING PATH**  
Fundamentals of Optics

**COMPLETION BADGE**

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**6+ HOURS** **6 COURSES**

**FREE**




**LEARNING PATH**  
Getting Started with Ansys Fluent - Basics

**COMPLETION BADGE**

Click to Check Availability

**6+ HOURS** **8 COURSES**

**FREE**



**LEARNING PATH**  
Getting Started with Ansys Discovery

**COMPLETION BADGE**

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**6+ HOURS** **5 COURSES**

**FREE**



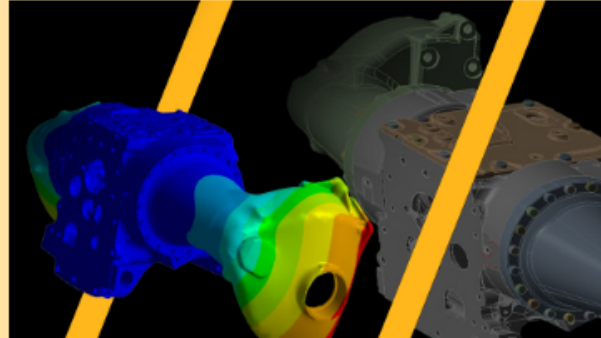
**LEARNING PATH**  
Basics of Fluid Dynamics

**COMPLETION BADGE**

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**6+ HOURS** **7 COURSES**

**FREE**



**LEARNING PATH**  
Stress Analysis Using Ansys Mechanical

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**FREE**



**LEARNING PATH**  
Foundations in Stress Analysis of Structures

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**FREE**

# We take students seriously

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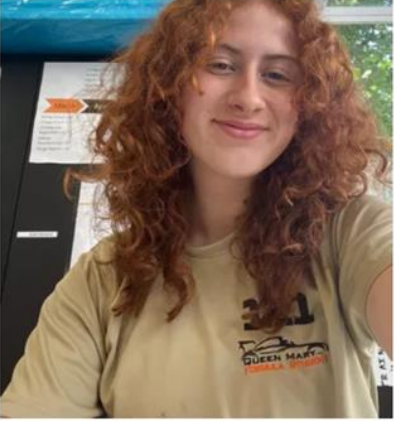
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ANSYS BLOG OCTOBER 26, 2023

## Gain an Industry Edge with Ansys Certifications and Digital Badges

As digitalization continues to transform nearly every industry around the world, from aerospace and automotive to energy and healthcare, simulation has become a required skill in today's science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.



*Ansys Certification and digital badges make it easy to share your skills and verify your credentials virtually.*

Cara Fox, mechanical engineering student at the Queen Mary University of London

With a variety of disciplines and subjects to choose from, learners typically find Ansys Certifications programs and subject matter both helpful and relevant to the work and research they encounter in industry.

"The certification was definitely useful in the internship at SpaceX," says Butts. "Working in test engineering, I had to use Ansys several times to verify that material failure would not occur in the components I was designing. The Physics of Structural Mechanics Certification prepared me to solve and analyze these types of structural mechanics problems. FEA was not the primary aspect of my job, but it was a skill that was still essential for me to understand and use as an engineer on the team."

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## Belgium Students Repeat Bridgestone World Solar Challenge Win

For the second time in a row, students from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) in Belgium earned first place at the 2023 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge (BWSC). The competition challenges students from around the world to design, engineer, and race solar-powered vehicles in a 3,021-kilometer route spanning Australia, from Darwin to Adelaide. The competition is normally held every two years, but it experienced a four-year gap between 2019 and 2023 due to the cancellation of the 2021 BWSC during the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Innoptus solar racing team from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) in Belgium celebrate first place at the 2023 World Solar Challenge.

Consisting of 33 members, KU Leuven's Innoptus solar team took home the recent win after designing and developing their solar-powered vehicle, Infinite, for about a year. Innoptus members, ranging in age from 21 to 24, include engineering students from industrial, civil, and business disciplines.

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Home Blog Simulating Another Victory: Reigning Formula Student Champs Develop Their First-Ever Electric Race Car

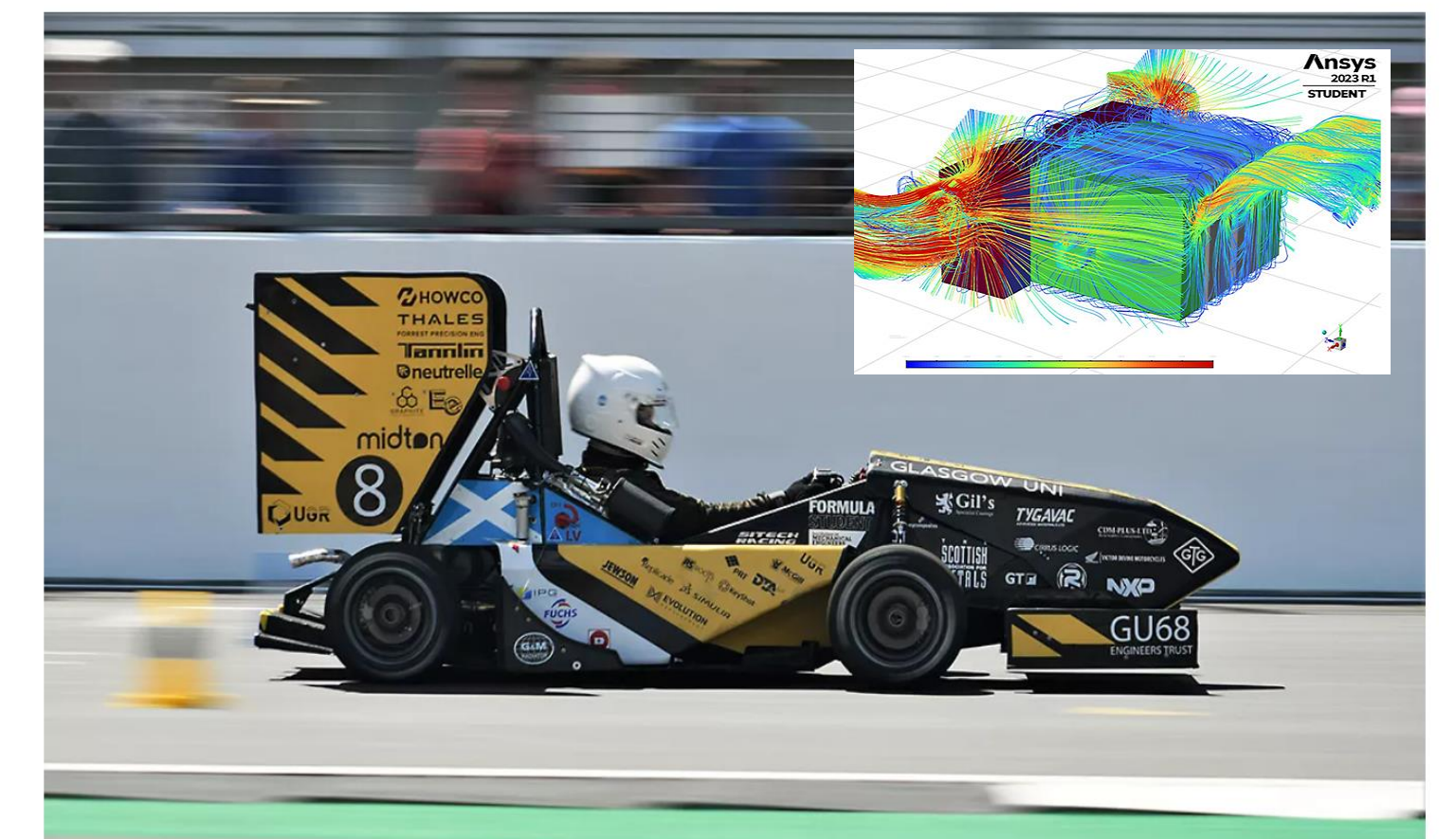
ANSYS BLOG JUNE 19, 2023

## Simulating Another Victory: Reigning Formula Student Champs Develop Their First Electric Race Car

Every year, hundreds of students compete in the annual Formula Student race car competition at the famed Silverstone Circuit in England. Challenged to build a winning single-seat race car, teams design and develop their car for about 10 months leading up to the main race.

Last year, UGRacing from the University of Glasgow in Scotland reigned as champions, and this year they're increasing the stakes by designing their first-ever electric vehicle (EV) — making a consecutive win significantly more difficult.

To navigate the new set of challenges involved in EV design, the team is using Ansys' multiphysics simulation to analyze thermal, fluid, and mechanical dynamics throughout the car and its battery. With access to the tools through an [Ansys Student Team Partnership](#), UGRacing is strategizing another win this summer with simulation in the front seat.



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Could this be your  
university and students?  
We want to work with you



**Thank you! Questions?**





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