# Ting-Uei (Jeff) Lee



#### Structural & Mechanical Designer | 3D CAD Modeller | Digital Engineer | Computational Design Specialist

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#### **Professional Summary**

A self-motivated, multidisciplinary engineer specialising in structural & mechanical design, 3D computational modelling/simulation, and advanced computer-aided manufacturing (CAM). Skilled in delivering manufacturing-ready solutions through design-to-fabrication CAD workflows, integrating programming-driven automation to improve design accuracy, optimise material use, and streamline production. Experienced in prototyping, design for manufacture (DFM), tolerance control, and preparing detailed documentation to ensure buildable, cost-effective, and highperformance results. Capable of managing projects from concept to completion, coordinating multidisciplinary teams, and fostering strong collaboration across teams to meet technical, budget, and schedule requirements.

Core Skills & Tools	
Design & Product	CAD Modelling (Rhino-Grasshopper, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, Revit), Bill of Materials
Development	(BOM) Creation, Fabrication-Ready Documentation (e.g., DXF, STL, IGES, SAT)
Simulation & Structural	Finite Element Analysis (Abaqus, SPACE GASS, Karamba3D), Design Calculation,
Analysis	Mechanics of Materials
Prototyping & Digital	CNC Routing, Laser & Waterjet Cutting, 3D Printing (FDM/SLA), CAM Workflows,
Prototyping & Digital Fabrication	CNC Routing, Laser & Waterjet Cutting, 3D Printing (FDM/SLA), CAM Workflows, Tolerance Analysis, Material Optimisation, Waste Reduction
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Fabrication	Tolerance Analysis, Material Optimisation, Waste Reduction

#### Relevant Experience

#### Research Fellow (B6) - R&D Structural & Mechanical Design

Jul 2020 - Sep 2025

RMIT University | Bundoora, VIC, Australia

- Led 30+ R&D projects on deployable, freeform, and lightweight structures from concept to prototype installation.
- Designed components using parametric 3D CAD and FEA; fabricated via CNC, laser cutting, and additive manufacturing; validated through physical testing to optimise performance, efficiency, and manufacturability.
- Developed automation tools and parametric workflows with multidisciplinary teams, streamlining design processes and accelerating production readiness.
- Produced high-impact technical documentation for industry and research audiences, and supervised PhD students in delivering pioneering engineering solutions.

#### Computational Designer (Self-Employed) - Digital Design & Engineering Solutions Jan 2020 - Nov 2022 Jeff Lee Digital Projects | ABN: 82 514 572 803

- Delivered parametric CAD solutions to optimise manufacturing workflows for architectural and structural projects.
- Developed custom 3D digital tools for automated structural profile selection, flashing/cladding detailing, cut-andfill analysis, plumbing layouts, modular wall systems, and more.
- Developed parametric definitions to model highly complex geometries that are impractical with explicit CAD, enabling precise shape control and rapid design adjustments.
- Collaborated with architects, engineers, and fabricators to ensure digital designs aligned with production constraints.

#### Estimator - Cost Estimation & Project Coordination

Aug 2015 – Jan 2016

Colemans Fencing | Bethania, QLD, Australia

- Prepared accurate material take-offs and cost estimates (quotes) from CAD drawings and site inspections.
- Collaborated with clients to clarify requirements and propose cost-effective design/material alternatives.
- Obtained supplier pricing, confirmed availability, and coordinated delivery schedules to meet project timelines.
- Supported site operations by planning workforce deployment to align labour availability with project demands.

## Site Engineer (Intern) - Construction Supervision & Quality Control

Nov 2014 - Feb 2015

Dong-Teng Construction Group | Taipei, Taiwan

- Assisted with site planning, logistics, and coordination to ensure smooth progress on a high-rise building project.
- Performed on-site inspections to verify construction compliance with approved drawings and quality standards.
- Liaised with trades, engineers, and project managers to resolve technical and scheduling issues.
- Monitored daily progress and maintained records for reporting and compliance.

#### Education

## Doctor of Engineering (Joint PhD) | Civil/Mechanical Engineering

Mar 2016 – May 2019

The University of Queensland & Tianjin University

## Bachelor of Engineering | Civil Engineering

The University of Queensland, Australia

Feb 2011 - Jul 2015

#### Awards & Recognition

#### 2024 – International Media Spotlight for Deployable Structures

Deployable designs featured in *Forbes*, *Wired*, and *Interesting Engineering*, recognised globally for innovation in lightweight, flat-pack building systems.

#### • 2023 - Organiser, IASS 2023 Melbourne Symposium

Directed planning and delivery of a premier global structural design event at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, attracting 300+ professionals worldwide.

#### • 2021 - Hangai Prize Winner (Surrey, UK)

First Australian recipient in the award's 19-year history, recognised globally for pioneering research in shell and spatial structures. Awarded annually to only four outstanding young researchers under 30.

## • 2020 - Designer of the HappyShield PPE

Developed an innovative PPE solution during COVID-19, achieving product certification and widespread adoption, with media features in *Dezeen* and *ArchDaily*.

## • 2018 - Gabriella & Paul Rosenbaum Foundation Travel Award, 7OSME (Oxford, UK)

One of only 10 students worldwide selected for excellence in origami-based engineering design at the quadrennial *Origami Science, Mathematics, and Education* (OSME) Conference.

## • 2018 - The Patricia Moffett Bursary, Golden Jubilee Student Award (UQ Alumni & Friends)

One of only 50 recipients across the entire university, awarded for exceptional service to the School of Civil Engineering, including laboratory innovation and advanced technical support to faculty and students.

## • 2016 – UQ Dow Centre Student Challenge Award

Second Prize (Early Concept Grants) for a flat-packable shelter concept — rapidly deployable without tools or skills, featuring an innovative two-layer folding geometry.

#### Since 2016 – Advanced Rhino-Grasshopper Trainer

Delivered specialist parametric modelling workshops to undergraduate and postgraduate students across multiple universities, building practical, industry-ready skills.

References available upon request.