

PhD positions are available at the University of Minnesota in the group of Prof. Stefano Gonella. The positions are in the area of mechanics and physics of solids, with emphasis on *mechanical metamaterials*.

Current topics of interest include:

- 1) Topological metamaterials
- 2) Fracture mechanics in cellular materials
- 3) Tunable and programmable metastructures.

The research will involve a combination of theoretical, computational and experimental work, providing the students with a complete and holistic training and a diverse research experience.

The ideal candidate is a highly motivated and creative individual with background in engineering, physics, materials science or mathematics, solid foundations in mechanics, coding experience and strong communication skills.

The position is expected to start in the fall of 2021.

Applicants should submit a resume (indicating names and contact of references) via email to Prof. Stefano Gonella at sgonella@umn.edu. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule a follow-up interview (Zoom, Skype) and encouraged to submit a formal application to the PhD program.

The University of Minnesota is one of the most comprehensive and prestigious public universities in the United States. The campus is located in the vibrant heart of the Minneapolis-Saint-Paul metropolitan area (the Twin Cities), one of the fastest-growing economic, artistic and cultural hubs in the nation, just blocks from theaters, museums, professional sports venues and endless outdoors recreation opportunities.



Minneapolis skyline from the University of Minnesota campus



Lake Calhoun - Minneapolis



Guthrie Theater - Minneapolis



Weisman Art Museum on the University of Minnesota campus



Vikings Stadium - Minneapolis



Outdoors activities on the Mississippi riverfront