

Associate Professor Mustafa Mashal – Idaho State University USA

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Mustafa Mashal is an Associate Professor in Civil Engineering at Idaho State University in the United States, teaching classes in structural and earthquake engineering.

I am a graduate of the University of Canterbury (UC). Back in 2015 I completed my PhD in Civil Engineering with a focus on Bridge Engineering under the supervision of Professor Alessandro Palermo who is currently my Erskine host. When I was a student at UC, I remember meeting several Erskine Fellows. I was always fascinated by the Erskine Program and the opportunity it offers for international teaching and collaboration. UC has one of the world's best programs in my discipline and I always had a desire to be able to visit my alma mater again, collaborate with my former advisor (Prof. Palermo), interact with his research group and meet/connect with other faculty/researchers at UC. I cannot be prouder to be here at UC as a Visiting Erskine Fellow and collaborate with my former supervisor, Professor Palermo, and his group.



I have been teaching a graduate class titled "Seismic Bridge Engineering" (ENEQ670) in the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering. I am scheduled to deliver about half a dozen talks to professional societies and private/public entities. I am planning to attend the NZTA Bridges Summit in Wellington. I also participate in mentoring graduate students

and social activities at UC. Most of my activities for the Erskine are facilitated by my host (Professor Palermo) and I have really enjoyed working with him.

Christchurch and UC campus have changed a lot from what I remember them. It is wonderful to see the progress and exciting initiatives out here. I have enjoyed working with Professor Palermo and his group at UC. I love seeing the new facilities around UC such as the Structural Engineering Laboratory. My family and I are also impressed with the number of parks and outdoor activities available in Christchurch. We are very grateful of the hospitality we have received. Professor Palermo, his students, and everyone else in the Department, Erskine Program office, and other units have been super welcoming and gracious to us. I look forward to building long lasting collaboration with colleagues at UC during my Erskine program.