Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) (https://computationalengineering.mit.edu/cse) allows students to specialize at the doctoral level in a computation-related field of their choice via focused coursework and a doctoral thesis through a number of participating host departments, including Aeronautics and Astronautics; Chemical Engineering; Civil and Environmental Engineering; Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences; Mechanical Engineering; Mathematics; and Nuclear Science and Engineering. The emphasis of thesis research activities is the development of new computational methods and/or the innovative application of computational techniques to important problems in engineering and science.

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