

## Recruiting and retaining veterans through entrepreneurial workshops in Solar energy and additive manufacturing



Faculty at East Carolina University in partnership with Craven Community College and Wilson Community College conducted a series of workshops on Solar energy (SE) and 3D printing (3DP) for military personnel. These workshops were aimed at increasing the level of advanced technical education in active duty/transitioning military personnel and veterans, bring awareness of career pathways in this sector and STEM related fields, provide tools needed for them to pursue technical certification, and increase recruiting and retention for 2-year and 4-year institutions in the rural eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Malali presented the work done with affiliate faculty at CSE3 regarding recruitment and retention of veterans in STEM areas. The above work was presented at the 2019 ASEE-SE conference held at NC State University, Raleigh, NC on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.