ENERGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Industrial Partners: The Energy Scholars program is an opportunity to connect with the talent of Rensselaer students and faculty while building a strategic pipeline of highly trained, high-value future employees.

Sponsoring a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute undergraduate as an Energy Scholar enables a company to leverage the student’s passion and potential toward an energy-related research problem. The Energy Scholar will work on the project for two semesters (September to May), with support from a Rensselaer faculty adviser. The sponsor company will specify an area of interest from the list of CFES research thrusts. The selected Energy Scholar will submit a project proposal, and the sponsor company will work with the student to finalize the project plan.

To sponsor an Energy Scholar, a company agrees to:

- Assign an employee as mentor to be the company’s primary point of contact with the student Energy Scholar
- Provide a gift in the amount of $4,000 per year ($3,500 student stipend; $500 for project-related materials and travel)
- Host the student Energy Scholar for at least two on-site visits per year to report on their progress and findings

Along with the research advances, sponsors will benefit from the visibility of the Energy Scholars program. Sponsors will be listed in all documentation and publicity efforts related to the program.

We strongly encourage sponsor companies to recruit their Energy Scholars for summer internships, co-ops, as well as permanent hire upon graduation.

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Center for Future Energy Systems
The Center for Future Energy Systems (CFES) actively partners with industry, government, and educational institutions to accelerate renewable energy research, move technologies from the lab- oratory to the marketplace, and ultimately build value and create jobs. Funded by Empire State Development through its Division of Science, Technology, and Innovation (NYSTAR), the center works with forward-thinking companies to leverage the expertise of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute faculty and students to advance fundamental research as well as solve specific, real-world energy challenges.

CFES is one of 15 NYSTAR-designated Centers for Advanced Technology (CAT) in New York state and the only CAT focused on energy.

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TIMELINE:
April 1, 2014
Announcement of industry sponsors
Student applications open

May 16, 2014
Student applications closed

August 1, 2014
Announcement 2014-2015 Energy Scholars