ENERGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Rensselaer students: Are you interested in energy? Do you want to work with a leading-edge company on an emerging research project? Do you want to improve your chances of securing an energy-related internship, co-op, or post-graduation job offer? If so, the Energy Scholars program might be for you.

The Center for Future Energy Systems (CFES) is seeking students to be Energy Scholars for the 2014-15 school year. As an Energy Scholar, you will receive a $3,500 stipend to work on an energy-related research project in collaboration with a CFES industrial partner. Over the school year, you will be expected to be in regular contact with your mentor from the sponsor company, and visit the company at least twice. An additional $500 will be made available for project-related materials and your travel costs to the sponsor.

Why Apply?
As an Energy Scholar, you will have an opportunity to make a direct impact on the energy challenges facing our world today. You will work with a company on a practical, real-world problem and benefit from professional interactions with your company mentor and faculty adviser. As an Energy Scholar, you will receive a $3,500 stipend, with the possibility of receiving an additional $500 to support your research project. Participating in the program could also help open doors to long-term employment opportunities with sponsoring companies.

Who Can Apply?
Any student who will be a junior or senior in the 2014-15 school year, with an interest in energy-related technologies, and who is in good academic standing, is eligible for the program. The number of Energy Scholars selected will depend on the number of sponsors and available funds.

CFES Energy Scholars Are Expected To:
- Propose and conduct research on a subject relevant to the sponsor company’s interests
- Interact with the sponsor company on a regular basis via the company’s project mentor
- Visit the sponsor company at least once each semester
- Present the research work to the sponsor at the conclusion of the program

Selection Process
Applications will be reviewed by a faculty panel appointed by CFES leadership. The panel will pay close attention to students’ interest in energy, the quality of the research plan and its relevance to the sponsor company, and overall academic standing.

Industry sponsors may be consulted in the selection process. Students can also apply for undergraduate research project (URP) credits for the research conducted in this program, subject to applicable Rensselaer academic requirements and approval by the faculty adviser.

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For details on how to become an energy scholar, please visit: www.rpi.edu/cfes/EnergyScholars

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Applications closed
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Announcement of the 2014-15 Energy Scholars