Connect With Big Thinkers - Mentor a URI Energy Fellow

In response to the growing need for experiential learning opportunities, the URI Outreach Center created the URI Energy Fellows Program providing a year-long fellowship opportunity to undergraduate and graduate students passionate about sustainable energy issues. Over 80 students have graduated from the program since 2008. Selected students are offered invaluable experience addressing real-world energy issues in interdisciplinary teams of faculty, staff, and outside energy companies and organizations.

Fellows complete a year long internship with industry leading organizations while attending URI led professional development and specialized energy trainings and actively participating in outreach events.

Why should you partner with us and mentor an Energy Fellow?

• The Energy Fellows Program team recruits highly motivated candidates to work on meeting your organizations energy goals.

• Throughout the year the URI program coordinator schedules energy trainings and outreach events designed to provide a broad base of energy knowledge and an understanding of the local energy landscape.

• You will give a student the opportunity to gain invaluable real-world experience, preparing the next generation to enter the green workforce one step ahead of the rest.

We accept applications from students enrolled in all URI undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and have graduate students in the following degree programs:

- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Applied Economics
- Business
- Engineering
- Marketing
- Marine Affairs
- Geology
- Writing
- Landscape Architecture
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science

What organizations have served as URI Energy Fellows Program mentors in the past?

- RI Office of Energy Resources
- CommerceRI
- Ocean State Clean Cities Coalition
- Newport Naval War College
- Washington County Regional Planning Council
- RI National Guard
- URI Chemistry Department
- Wind Energy Development
- URI Outreach Center

Interested in pursuing a mentoring opportunity?
Please contact Kaylyn Hawkes Keane at KCHawkes@uri.edu or 401.874.5585 to discuss next steps!
Completion of the URI Energy Fellows Program requires students to participate in a number of URI led trainings and events in addition to the work they complete as a paid intern with assigned energy mentors. Students graduate from the program with an understanding of current energy opportunities and challenges in RI, and their potential roles as professionals in the field.

**SPRING SEMESTER (12 wks)**
- Professional Development
- Team Building

**SUMMER SEMESTER (14 wks)**
- Specialized Energy Training
- Project Presentation

**FALL SEMESTER (15 wks)**
- Program and Student Evaluation
- Academic Presentation & Portfolio

**Training led by URI Outreach Center**

**Project work led by industry mentor**

Fellows work approximately 10 hrs/week with mentors and participate in monthly trainings to develop professional skills to apply in the workplace. The semester concludes with a team building retreat focused on professional development.

Fellows work approximately 30hrs/week with mentors and attend weekly trainings and activities to develop a greater understanding of the Energy Industry and current RI energy projects and policies. Summer ends with a presentation highlighting Fellow’s progress to date.

Fellows work approximately 10hrs/week with mentors and participate in monthly trainings to learn to effectively showcase their project and research findings to the university community. The program culminates with the CELS Fellowships Poster Celebration.