Solar Scholars Application

Solar Scholars Program Overview

The GW Solar Institute is committed to educating and training a rising generation of clean energy leaders and offers several research and program based internships each semester. Solar Scholars work directly with GW Solar Institute staff to support the Institute’s mission of identifying, creating, and sharing pragmatic solutions to the public policy barriers preventing the adoption and scale of solar energy.

Many Solar Scholars take a leadership role on a customized research project that meets their interests and complements the GW Solar Institute’s research priorities. Solar Scholars will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of tasks in support of the GW Solar Institute’s research agenda such as gathering data on solar energy technology and industry trends, analyzing important articles and papers, and contributing to Solar Institute projects and publications. Students will also help execute the annual Solar Symposium, update and enhance the Institute’s website, and learn how to use other media channels to disseminate Institute work products.

Exemplary undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and schools at the George Washington University are invited to apply. Solar Scholars able to commit at least 10 hours per week are eligible to receive a stipend of $800 per semester and will be cited as contributors in any published research they work on.

2015 Program Start Dates:

Summer 2015 - May 18, 2015
Fall 2015 - August 31, 2015
Spring 2016 - January 11, 2016
Application Instructions

To be considered, applicants must fill out the following form and send all required documents to gwsolar@gwu.edu in advance of each term’s start date.

When sending your application, please use the subject line: “[Graduate or Undergraduate] Internship for [Term] [Year]” (IE: Undergraduate Internship for Summer 2015). If you are applying to support a specific project or issue area, please indicate this in your cover letter and email subject line.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at gwsolar@gwu.edu.

Personal Information

Name (first, middle, last):

Phone number:

E-mail address:

GW Affiliation:
If applicable, please select all that apply.

- GW Undergraduate Student
- GW Graduate Student
- GW PhD Student
- GW Alumni
- GW Staff
- Other: __________________

School of Enrollment and Graduation Year:
For GW students and alumni only. For example: CCAS 2016.
Areas of Interest

Please select all that apply. If there is a specific project or topic area you are applying to support, please indicate this in your cover letter and the subject line of your application email.

Topics

Low-Income Solar
Community and Shared Solar
Tax Incentives
Financing
Solar Jobs
Commercial Solar

Utility Regulatory Policies
Federal Solar Policies
State and Local Solar Policies
Electric Grid Integration
Climate and Energy
Economics and Cost Trends

Type of Work

Research
Modeling and Analytics
Statistics
Social Media
Writing and Editing

Website
Graphic Design
Event Planning and Program Support
Campus Engagement
Operations Support

Availability Information

Term and Year:
IE Spring 2016, Fall 2017

Total Hours Available Each Week:

Proposed Weekly Schedule:
For example: Wednesdays from 10am-3pm, Thursdays from 1pm-5pm, etc.

Proposed Start Date:

Proposed End Date:
Required Documents

Resume

Cover Letter
Your cover letter should discuss your interest in clean energy and any unique skills you will bring to the GW Solar Institute.

References
Please provide the contact information for two academic or professional references. For each reference, please include an email address, phone number, and your relationship to each reference.

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