



UNC CHARLOTTE  
Energy Production and Infrastructure Center

# EPIC Affiliates

## Membership

UNC Charlotte's Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC) with input from its External Advisory Board developed the EPIC Affiliates Program (EPIC AP), a membership program for industry and government partners that wish to collaborate with EPIC.

The main focus of EPIC AP is energy workforce development. By bringing together industry, students, faculty, and research experts in disciplines of electrical and computer, civil and environmental, mechanical, and systems engineering the EPIC AP aims to drive advancements in the energy fields as it educates a new generation of energy professionals.

Energy workforce development is enhanced by supporting projects that create education and experiential learning opportunities, research, workshops and tutorials, training sessions, internships and co-op programs.

### Workforce Development

Students and current workers

- Advise and mentor students to consider careers in energy
- Support student projects
- Engage students as interns
- Recruit and hire graduates as full-time employees
- Encourage current workers to enhance their professional development through workshops, seminars, short-courses, certificates, and degree-programs

### Technology Development

Research and technical solutions

- Support projects that are of interest to EPIC Affiliates
- Utilize laboratories and equipment at EPIC for fast turn-around on technical solutions
- Collaborate with faculty members at EPIC on innovation and problem solving
- Receive access to inventions from EPIC labs

### Economic Development

Networking and business development

- Receive recognition for participation and contributions in the energy sector
- Participate in social gatherings
- Guide creative, entrepreneurial projects to possible "start-up" status

#### For more information

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# Member Tiers and Benefits

## KiloWatt MegaWatt GigaWatt

This membership level is for companies who seek more opportunities to grow and be recognized in the energy industry and would benefit from preferred access to students with an energy concentration as well as support, company exposure, networking, advising and the use of EPIC laboratories.

This membership level is for companies who are established or who are emerging and seek an identity in the energy field as being innovative and successful, yet seek more opportunities to grow and hire talent. They would benefit from pipeline of workforce, availability of technical resources, R&D support, and company exposure.

This membership level is for companies who are recognized as or strive to be a leader in the energy community and a premier supporter of the work at EPIC. They would benefit from targeted and leveraged R&D projects focused on specific business needs and the priority use of EPIC resources.

KiloWatt - \$5,000

MegaWatt - \$15,000

GigaWatt - \$50,000

### Snapshot of Benefits at Each Tier Level

	KiloWatt - \$5,000	MegaWatt - \$15,000	GigaWatt - \$50,000
\$30,000 toward a program seed project			●
Use of inventions resulting from AP Gigawatt funded projects			●
Access to non-proprietary EPIC technical reports			●
Sponsorship of 1 international student intern		●	●
Fee reduction for EPIC workshops, conferences		●	●
Sponsorship of 1 Senior Design Project		●	●
1 "EPIC Innovator" session with student inventors	●	●	●
Option to be an energy conference panelist or seminar speaker	●	●	●
Freshman/sophomore student mentorship	●	●	●
Preferred access to students with an energy concentration	●	●	●
Recruiting of summer student interns	●	●	●
Preferred access to EPIC labs, solutions, and advising (faculty)	●	●	●
A member-only career fair	●	●	●
Participation on EPIC advisory groups and task forces	●	●	●
1 EPIC event sponsorship each year	●	●	●
Ad in "EPIC Annual Report"	●	●	●
Company profile on EPIC websites and in newsletters	●	●	●
Host a table at a UNC Charlotte student career fair (biannually)	●	●	●
Placement of job openings on EPIC website	●	●	●
Company listing in Affiliates directory	●	●	●
Access to "EPIC Event" calendar	●	●	●
Membership recognition in EPIC lobby	●	●	●
Parking Validations for EPIC events at UNC Charlotte	●	●	●
Access to EPIC conference rooms	●	●	●
Student incentives to pursue energy concentrations	●	●	●