

#### IEEE Power & Energy Society SCHOLARSHIP PLUS INITIATIVE™

Preparing the Next Generation of Power & Energy Engineers





Deployment: Who will do it? Preparing the Next Generation of Power & Energy Engineers





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- + More than 18 years of experience
- + Licensed in IA, MN, ND, NM, WI
- + Department includes transmission lines, substations, distribution, wind farms, and cellular communications sites







# **About Ulteig**

- + Comprehensive engineering, surveying, and consulting services
- + Diverse range of government and private sector clients nationwide
- + 100% employee-owned
- Understand the client's business<sup>2</sup>
  and build relationships
- + Ranked #207 in ENR in 2011
- Locations in Bismarck, Williston, and Fargo, ND; Sioux Falls, SD; Denver, CO; Detroit Lakes and Minneapolis, MN; and Cedar Rapids, IA.









## The Problem

- Over the next 5 years as many as 50% of engineers in the power industry could need replacing—mainly due to retirements
- + U.S. Workforce Survey: Age Distribution
  - 55 Electric & Gas Utilities
  - All Electric Cooperatives
  - ~ ½ of all US electric & combination utility employees

% of Employee









# The Need

- + A highly skilled workforce that:
  - Is excited about solving problems and working with new technologies
  - Is looking for a challenging and rewarding career
  - Is ready to meet the growing energy demands of our society
  - Has practical, hands-on career experience
  - Has skills necessary for success (basic electrical engineering, communications, computing, security, systems engineering, enterprise architecture, economics, interpersonal)



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## **The Solution:** IEEE PES Scholarship Plus Initiative<sup>™</sup>

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- + Provide students:
  - Financial assistance
  - Hands-on career experience
- + Help industry recruit top candidates
- + Give young engineers the tools to connect with employers
- + Provide mentoring opportunities from current experts
- + Complement and not compete with existing programs







# **PES Scholarship Plus Initiative** <sup>™</sup>

- + Receive up to \$7,000 in financial support before graduation:
  - \$2,000 1st year
  - \$2,000 2nd year
  - \$3,000 3rd year\*
- + Assistance in getting up to 2 years of power engineering career experience before graduation
- + One free year of membership in the world's largest and oldest technical association IEEE and its Power & Energy Society
- + Can participate in a mentoring program which connects students to experts







# **PES Scholarship Plus Initiative™ Requirements**

Applicants must be:

- + U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- + Enrolled at an accredited university or community college
- + Full-time undergrad student in the coming academic year
- Working on (or planning to work on) an ABET-accredited electrical or computer engineering undergraduate bachelor's degree
- + Considering a career in power and energy engineering
- + Willing to participate in a career experience (internship, coop, summer research)
- + Attending a university/college that offers undergrad courses in power engineering
- + Planning to take at least three of these power engineering courses (total of nine+ credits)
- + Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (B) at current college or university





## The Importance of Career Experiences

- Learn about the work of power and energy engineers and to get visibility to potential employers
- + Required for Scholarship renewal in years 2 and 3
- + Career Experience can be gained in a number of ways
  - Internships
  - Co-ops
  - Power-related summer research
- + The Initiative will assist individuals in their own efforts to find career experiences
  - PES Careers is a free IEEE PES online resource that connects power engineering students seeking career experiences with industry



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## **Career Experience**

- + Required for renewal
- Can be arranged by awardee or through PES-Careers platform
  - + An online resource connecting students with industry for up to one year after graduation
  - Assistance will provided to awardees having trouble finding career experiences\*



#### www.ieee-pes.org/workforce/pes-careers

\*In certain cases the requirement may be waived







# **Commitment For Student**

- + Willingness to explore power and energy engineering as a career
- + Obtain relevant career experiences
- + Take course work on power and energy engineering subjects
- Look for opportunities to learn about the industry (such as through industry presentations and mentoring)
- + No penalties if the student decides not to pursue a power and energy engineering career
- + Seeing the exciting opportunities in power and energy engineering





# **Selection Criteria**

- + Academic performance
- Alignment of technical and personal interests with the power engineering field
- + Personal strengths, such as:
  - Volunteer activities
  - Work experience
  - Endorsement letter
- + Strength of academic program (based on the institution's overall power engineering courses and the courses you may take)





# Where & When to Apply

- + Applying is easy at <u>www.ee-scholarship.org</u>
- + Deadline for applications and renewals is June 30, 2012
- + Awardees will be notified in September 2012
- + The application period is March 1 to June 30



# 2011 PES Scholars

- 700+ students from 107 different U.S. universities participated in the application process
- + 93 PES Scholars from 51 U.S. Universities
  - + 33 Seniors
  - + 36 Juniors
  - + 24 Sophomores
- + \$186,000 distributed







## What PE Scholars are saying about the program

- "I was searching for scholarship opportunities and found information on the PES Scholarship Plus Program. That motivated me to take a serious look at the power industry."
- "I am very fond of the career oriented aspect of the Scholarship Plus Initiative. This program is unmatched by most other scholarship initiatives I have seen."
- "I look forward to working with PES & IEEE throughout my collegiate and professional careers in the Power Engineering Field."





## **PES Scholars by School**

Arizona State University California Polytechnic State University California State Polytechnic University Pomona -California State University Fresno **Cleveland State University Drexel University** Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach Idaho State University Illinois Institute of Technology Iowa State University Kansas State University Kettering University Michigan Technological University

Mississippi State University Missouri University of Science and Technology New Mexico State University North Carolina State University Northern Arizona University Ohio State University Polytechnic Institute of New York University Portland State University Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Seattle Pacific University Seattle University South Dakota School of Mines and Technology South Dakota State University



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State University of New York at Buffalo Temple University Texas A&M University University of Alaska Anchorage University of Central Florida University of Colorado at Boulder University of Colorado at Denver University of Connecticut University of Houston University of Idaho University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Kentucky University of Minnesota -Duluth

University of Missouri - Kansas City University of North Carolina Charlotte University of Pittsburgh University of Tennessee Chattanooga University of Utah University of Washington University of Wisconsin Madison Valparaiso University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Washington State University Western New England College Worcester Polytechnic Institute





# Action: Help Make it happen

#### Funding

- + Created the PES Scholarship Plus Initiative Fund
- + PES provided \$1,000,000 in seed funding
- + Target goal of \$10M in philanthropic donations over first 2 years
- + Intended to supplement, not replace, current university funding

#### **Career Experience Opportunities**

- + Organizations post career opportunities on PES Career website
- + Students post their details

#### Mentoring Opportunities

+ Sign up to be a Mentor





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#### More Information

#### www.ee-scholarship.org

#### e-mail info@ee-scholarships.org with questions



