Rice ECE Corporate Affiliates Program

A distinctive membership program with great flexibility; we stay in step with industry dynamics and the evolving needs of our members.

The ECE Affiliates Program provides extraordinary opportunities to establish and renew connections to engineering professionals, technical experts, and business associates. Participants experience intensified involvement with the department and faculty researchers, addressing new directions in engineering research.

Companies recognize that employing Rice ECE students often translates into market leadership. Affiliates regularly tap into the exceptional capabilities of our undergraduate and graduate students, making it a practice to participate in on-campus activities.

Tiers:

**$0 – Free Level**
Invitation to attend ECE’s annual Corporate Affiliates Day, monthly newsletter with information about ECE happenings.

**$5,000 – Startup Level**
The above opportunities, plus: early access to students; a table at Affiliates Day and opportunities to talk to students who are part of the poster session; Visibility of senior design projects.

*Open to Startups with less than 10 employees & $5m revenue.*

**$15,000 – Recruitment Level**
All of the above opportunities, plus: opportunities to submit potential projects for senior design; champion research projects that are of interest to you and Rice; recruiting table opportunity and interview room at Affiliates Day; invitations to student exposure events; invited IEEE lunch talk on Rice campus.

**$35,000 – Recruiting and Research Level**
All of the above opportunities, plus: a dedicated day for interaction with students and faculty: graduate student roundtable; student research project presentations; an opportunity to meet with chosen ECE faculty; an opportunity to present to the ECE community on topic of your choice.

This program is personalized and tailored to the affiliate member organization.

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**2017 Benefits**

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ECE Corporate Affiliates Day: ECE Corporate Affiliates Day is a showcase of Rice’s Electrical and Computer Engineering research efforts. Highlights of the day include a poster session and demos by both graduate and undergraduate research teams, keynotes by leaders in academia and industry, and networking and recruiting opportunities for companies and organizations. Held annually, Affiliates Day marks the pinnacle of research efforts for the department.

Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK): The OEDK is an 18,000-square-foot space, which includes not only the central work area with over 66 work tables, but also conference rooms, a classroom, a wet lab, rapid prototyping equipment, large format printers, designated woodworking area, a machine shop and access to a welding shop. The OEDK provides a space for Rice undergraduate science and engineering students to prototype and deploy solutions to real-world engineering challenges. Interdisciplinary teams tackle problems proposed by industry and partners in the Texas Medical Center and abroad.

Senior Design: ELEC 490 (Senior Design) is the capstone course of the ECE curriculum. It is a year-long course required of all ECE students pursuing the BSEE. Teams of students will design, construct, and document a prototype system to meet specifications determined by the team and the instructor. Cross-departmental projects are allowed and encouraged, and extensive use will be made of the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen. Many projects involve advisors from industrial affiliates.