Subject: GREEN Engineering Opportunity in Costa Rica

Please review the details of the GREEN (Global Renewable Energy Education Network) program we offer in Costa Rica and share this opportunity with your engineering students. We have built partnerships with 60 different universities and have sent over 500 students in the past two years. The GREEN program has served as the catalyst for alternative energy education and has been a major career accelerator for students all through out the country. We have also been published in an MIT article, please see below at Recent Articles.

As the University Coordinator for the GREEN Scholar Initiative I wanted to share the details of our program with you and your engineering students at MIT.

In short, the GREEN Program offers a 12-day experiential service learning opportunity in Costa Rica giving students exclusive access to functioning renewable energy facilities. Through this program, students are able to interact with industry professionals and gain hands-on experience. In conjunction with the academic curriculum and community service projects, this experience can serve as an important stepping stone in the career of a motivated student. Additionally, the benefits of gaining a competitive international experience and cultural immersion prior to graduating can be the academic opportunity of a lifetime. By attending the GREEN Program students become passionate about getting involved in the University’s sustainability initiatives and rapidly accelerate their careers.

**Recent Articles**

- Associate for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Forbes Article
- Presidential Leadership Academy at Penn State

Our organization works directly with academic departments and faculty to provide students with unique global opportunities in the fields of clean energy and innovative sustainable solutions. In addition, GREEN works with specific faculty members to customize experiential programs that enhance the existing curriculum.

Here are some options adopted by leading universities across the nation:

1. Share the details of the 12-day GREEN Program in Costa Rica with your student email lists and Faculty
2. Develop a Faculty-Led Program, customized to meet the needs of the existing curriculum while engaging students in a global setting
3. Enhance an existing course by offering the GREEN Program as an embedded global learning module during Spring, Summer or Winter break.
4. Help students discover scholarships and grants in order to take advantage of the GREEN Program
5. Empower your students to make a meaningful impact at your institution by supporting innovative capstone projects completed during the GREEN Program

**As some of these action points take time to develop, I hope that we can start our collaboration by sharing the details below with your students and faculty.**

For more information please glance over the following Program Package along with the GREEN Program Website. Faculty members interested in getting a close-up view of GREEN are invited to learn about our Faculty Preview Programs which take place throughout the year.
Twelve days, five forms of renewable energy, action-packed adventures, cultural immersion and memories for a lifetime …

The GREEN Educational Adventure Program gives motivated students a chance to travel to Costa Rica, the epicenter of renewable energy and sustainability, to gain a hands-on educational experience while enjoying the rich culture and helping change the world. Get a sneak preview of the program on our website: www.greenworknow.com.

Through a rigorous curriculum and exclusive access to renewable energy technology, this ground-breaking program helps students of all majors to bridge the gap between traditional textbook learning and accelerated career development.

Students who attended this program in the past have cited it as "one of the best experiences of their life". Some have returned to Costa Rica for summer internships in the renewable energy sector. Others applied their experiences to succeed in internships and jobs in the United States at leading companies such as General Electric, Bechtel, the USDA, EPA, USPTO and more.

To give you a better idea of our initiative, please view our program video at www.greenworknow.com. If you are interested in attending one of our upcoming programs, please submit your application at your earliest convenience since spots are filling up quickly! Once you are accepted, a personal representative will be happy to guide you through the registration steps and answer any questions you may have.

Program Dates:
Summer 2012: May 23rd - June 3rd
Summer 2012: May 30th - May 10th
Summer 2012: June 6th - June 17th
Summer 2012: June 13th - June 24th
Summer 2012: August 8th - August 19th
Summer 2012: August 22 - September 2nd (NEW!)

Winter 2012 - 2013: December 27th - January 7th (Special New Year's Program)
Winter 2013: January 3rd - January 14th
** Ask us about additional program offerings in the 2012-2013 Season.

We look forward to traveling with you!

-The GREEN Team

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