



HBCU Energy Leadership Pathway

Invest In The Next Generation Of Energy Leaders

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Energy Leadership Pathway prepares emerging professionals across the Carolinas for employment and leadership in the regional energy industry, with an emphasis on sustainable energy solutions.

Launched in 2022, each year the Pathway connects up to 30 exceptional students from nine HBCUs with leading industry partners from utilities, private companies, government agencies and non-profits. With your support, we will exponentially expand to reach hundreds of students throughout the Southeast.

Program Features



Training & Hands On Learning

Participants complete a signature, industry-informed curriculum, professional development, and compete in an energy industry challenge where they collaborate on real-world energy solutions.



Networking & Mentorship

Industry professionals from across our partner network connect with students at an annual Energy Summit and throughout the program.



Paid Internships

The Pathway culminates in priority access to paid summer internships in the energy sector.

School Partners

- Benedict College
- Claflin University
- Fayetteville State University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Livingstone College
- North Carolina A&T
- NC Central University
- South Carolina State University
- Shaw University

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"What inspired me to pursue a pathway in energy and sustainability is my passion for using science and engineering principles to create real solutions for communities."

-Jordan Champion, North Carolina A&T University,
Biological Engineering Major

Sponsorship Tiers

\$200K

Terrawatt Level

Our highest level anchor sponsors have the option to join our program leadership committee, serve as a summit keynote, and gain priority access to intern candidates. Also, they receive all the benefits of lower tiers.

\$100K

Gigawatt Level

Major funders at the Gigawatt level are recognized on our website, on program materials, at our annual Energy Summit and in marketing communications. You will also have priority access to intern candidates.

\$50K

Megawatt Level

Sustaining Megawatt sponsors are recognized on our website, on program materials, at our annual Energy Summit and in marketing communications.

Other Sponsorship Opportunities:

Ask about our **Transformer (\$25,000)**, **Catalyst (\$10,000)**, and **Spark (<\$10,000)** support levels, as well as **event and internship** sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you to our founding sponsors:



Current & Recent Partners

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Berkshire Hathaway
Central Electric Power
Cooperative
Duke Energy
NC Electric Cooperatives
Santee Cooper
Southern Power

Corporate:

Enerwealth Solutions
Hadron Energy
Lockhart Power
Southern Energy Management

Government/Academic:

City of Charlotte
Davidson College
NC Clean Energy Technology Center

Non-Profit:

Advanced Energy
Blackacre Legacy Foundation
Center for Energy Education
Clean Energy Fund of the Carolinas
NC Environmental Justice Network
NC Sustainable Energy Association
Southeast Climate & Energy Network