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Cal Energy Corps Applications Open Soon

Applications for our Cal Energy Corps 2021 Summer Cohort will open soon!

The Cal Energy Corps is an undergraduate summer internship program engaging top UC Berkeley undergraduate students in the design, development and delivery of sustainable energy and climate solutions. All placements are challenging, full-time assignments with leading organizations in the private and public sector, enabling students to gain professional experience working on the technical solutions of social issues in a cohesive learning environment.

All current undergraduate students at UC Berkeley are eligible to apply for the Cal Energy Corps program. Students from all disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Some internship hosts may have specific major preferences, as indicated in their respective position descriptions.

Selected students are expected to commit to working full-time for a minimum of 8 weeks over the summer and will be paid a competitive hourly salary for the duration of the internship. Students will have the opportunity to address energy and climate issues by conducting hands-on research in areas such as renewable energy, carbon policy, buildings efficiency, and sustainable design.

We will announce the exact date applications open across our social media pages (links to each are on the bottom of this newsletter), but for now, keep an eye on our website for updates.

Cal Energy Corps Website

Upcoming Events



behavior, energy & climate change

Behavior, Energy & Climate Change Conference is December 7th-10th

It's finally here! This year's entirely virtual Behavior, Energy & Climate Change conference kicks off next Monday, December 7th.

Please join us for three days of plenary sessions, lighting presentations, and virtual poster sessions covering over 18 topical areas requested by past BECC attendees. We'll have over 150 speakers over 30 sessions, selected by a panel of expert reviewers. New research is emphasized. For five hours a day, over four days, you can click and choose your sessions. Not what you want? Jump to another session. Miss a session? Watch it "on-demand" on your schedule.

We are also pleased to announce that our keynote speaker will be Dr. Juliet B. Schor, who will be giving a talk on the Sharing Economy and Sustainable Consumption.

The sharing economy was launched in the late 2000s with the promise that it would bring lower eco and carbon footprints. Consumers would share rides, tools, lodging, and food. Majorities of Americans believed the promise, which lent a "green halo" to the sector. A decade later, it's clear that the biggest platforms, such as Airbnb and Uber, have had negative impacts on carbon footprints, by inducing private transport and additional travel. But what about more genuine forms of sharing? If consumers did deploy resources more efficiently and act in more generous ways to others, can that be a foundation for sustainability? In this talk, Dr. Schor will report on a decade of research on the "sharing economy," including both the large, corporate platforms and smaller community initiatives, and their implications for energy and climate.

Juliet B. Schor is a Sociology Professor at Boston College. She has studied trends in working time, consumerism, the relationship between work and family, women's issues and economic inequality, and concerns about climate change in the environment. She is the author of books such as *The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure* and *Sustainable Economy for the 21st Century*.

It's not too late to register for the BECC Conference, and now you can see all of our programming from the comfort of your own home. Please consider joining us this year!

Monthly Spotlight



A Fond Farewell to Sergio Castellanos Rodriguez

At the end of this year, CIEE will bid farewell to Dr. Sergio Castellanos Rodriguez, who will be moving on to a teaching position at the University of Texas Austin. We asked him if he would like to share a few words here, and he graciously accepted.

"It seems like it was last month when I arrived at Berkeley to work at the (now defunct) Berkeley Energy and Climate Initiative. Almost five years after, and after joining CIEE's ranks in the process, this December will be my last month here.

During these years, I have had the privilege of working with colleagues both from Mexico and from California in projects centered around Mexico's energy transition. I hope that the connections we established and nurtured will eventually help us achieve the envisioned decarbonized pathways.

These efforts, and many others, were the product of a great working environment and remarkable availability from faculty colleagues and students to engage in meaningful projects. I would like to thank Carl Blumstein for his leadership, mentoring, and empowerment to expand our efforts throughout these years. Thanks also go to Dan Kammen for opening up to engage in exciting projects. Similarly, Sascha von Meier,

Therese Peffer, Mary Collins, Jimmy Mahady, Jim Bushnell, Karen Notsund, Liz Burton, Niall Mateer, Michael McNeil, Alberto Diaz, Allert Brown, Veronique Rorive, and many other researchers at UC that made it extraordinarily fun to work with on energy systems-related topics.

There are many other folks which I am appreciative for their daily support to ensure research is done fluidly: Tracy Turner, Eric Lee, Connor Clark, Jing Wu, and Eunice Chung. I could easily fill another blog post with friends and colleagues from CITRIS, ERG, and from whom I have enjoyed their company, mentorship, and support, and my gratitude goes towards them, too.

As I move to Texas to start as an assistant professor at UT Austin's Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, I will apply the positive learnings I gained while at Berkeley and CIEE, and strive to continue working in expanding bilateral efforts to study clean, and equitable energy systems."

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Sergio over the years, and we wish him nothing but the best on this next step in his career and beyond.



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