

2026 Energy Faculty Fellows Program

Our energy systems have a profound impact on nearly every sphere of our society. Concerns surrounding an aging and vulnerable infrastructure and increasing demand for energy to power our lives and productivity have made the development of a clean, secure, and resilient energy portfolio a national priority. Concurrently, conversations center on ensuring that reliable energy is available to all communities throughout the nation, with a focus on domestic energy independence and leadership in innovation. Building strong partnerships within the energy community is essential to meet the multifaceted demands of the changing energy landscape.

The Strategic Energy Institute ([SEI](#)) at Georgia Tech is approaching this challenge through the **Energy Faculty Fellows Program** focused on growing partnerships with other academic institutions -- specifically, Emerging Research Institutions (ERIs) including R2 universities, Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), or Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs).

In addition to identifying and pursuing innovative research concepts, a key goal of the program is to develop long-term research relationships with potential partner institutions in preparation for collaborative opportunities in energy-focused funding, education, and curriculum development. The program aims to initiate new collaborative relationships as well as strengthen existing partnerships to amplify the impacts of ongoing efforts. Fellows will spend 10 weeks working with research groups at Georgia Tech on collaborative projects that advance regional, national, and global energy priorities and establish long-term collaborations on grand challenges in energy.

Application packets should be sent to the Energy Comments [Mailbox](#) by **February 16, 2026**, and should include:

- Current CV
- A one-page summary of ongoing research efforts, specifically highlighting energy engagement
- A one-page proposal of potential energy research that the program fellow and host could advance during the summer program. Research concepts might focus on but are not limited to: energy affordability and resilience; national security; energy intersections with natural systems (e.g., water, terrestrial or ocean ecosystems); nuclear energy; critical materials; decarbonization of energy systems.
- List of potential Georgia Tech Host(s): ***Please identify and contact 1-3 faculty members at Georgia Tech with whom you may be interested in collaborating.*** If you are in conversations with a potential host, please note in your application. Details can be finalized as the application review process is underway.

Programmatic details: The program will be a 10-week collaborative effort hosted at Georgia Tech. A stipend will be provided to all selected fellows and housing support is available to those outside of the local area. ***Faculty applicants must also identify an undergraduate student within their home institution to bring with them to engage in the summer research (additional details available).*** Please visit <https://energy.gatech.edu/education/faculty-fellow-program> for more information and key dates.

About the Strategic Energy Institute: The mission of SEI is to deploy the full resources of Georgia Tech for substantial impact on energy, policy and environmental issues. We strive to grow and strengthen the energy community, enhance resources for energy research and promote academic thought leadership around the evolving energy landscape. Georgia Tech has over 1,000 researchers working across the energy value chain, including electric power, hydrogen, manufacturing and other clean fuels, energy efficiency, and energy policy and economics.