

## Discover Your Future in District Energy



### Explore Career and Learning Opportunities at CampusEnergy 2025: “Accelerating the Energy Transition” - Westin Boston Seaport Hotel - Monday, February 3

This year, the International District Energy Association (IDEA) is offering a unique, **free** opportunity for students! This Student Session will help break down the district energy industry and the need for young talent, share upcoming innovations and industry trends, and connect you with people with real-world experience that can help you as you chart your career path in this thriving industry.

Additionally, it will enable students to share their ideas and ambitions with prospective employers. **Bringing generations together will accelerate the energy transition (also the theme for the conference)**, and this event is specifically designed to make that happen. This student Session is intended to **speed up awareness of district energy as a personal and professional pathway to a mission-centered career**.

#### Why Attend?

- IDEA’s 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Campus Energy conference will bring together over 1,200 industry professionals from across North America with expertise in system development, operations, and optimization along with technology innovators, equipment providers, and consulting firms.
- Industry leaders view this conference in Boston as a unique opportunity to meet in person and listen to students’ fresh perspectives on solving modern energy challenges.
- Some university utility departments support internships and structured mentoring to enable deeper collaboration and facilitate students’ transition to professional environments.
- As current professionals retire, **there’s a growing need for skilled talent in the energy sector**. Many campuses are actively driving campus energy transitions, which students are equipped to contribute their knowledge to. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved and make meaningful connections.
- For additional details, visit our Student Program website at <https://bit.ly/IDEACampusStudent>.

#### What is District Energy? What is IDEA?

- District energy involves the integration of innovative sources of heat or cold for delivery via a smart underground thermal piping network to multiple buildings in a city, cluster, campus or community.
- Aggregating energy needs for multiple buildings creates economies of scale for cleaner, lower-carbon solutions that may not be feasible on an individual building basis.
- With nearly 30% of global carbon emissions associated with heating and cooling of buildings, district energy is a vital, proven solution to accelerate decarbonization of cities, communities and campuses.
- IDEA was founded in 1909, and continues its mission to inform, connect, and advance the district energy industry around the globe.
- Nearly 3,000 IDEA members representing more than 30 countries own, operate or provide technology and services to district energy systems that supply steam, hot water, chilled water and energy services to multiple buildings in cities, communities, campuses, airports, military bases, industry and healthcare facilities. For more about IDEA, visit our website at [www.districtenergy.org](http://www.districtenergy.org).

## What's Available at the CampusEnergy 2025 Conference for Students on Monday, February 3?

- IDEA is hosting a **Special Session for Students** to attend free of charge, on Monday afternoon February 3, 2025. Learn about emerging tech; meet 1:1 with industry leaders and then [visit 140 industry companies and organizations](#) in the exhibit hall to see new technologies, connect with companies and see for yourself the range of opportunities in the global district energy sector.
- Listen in at a **District Energy 102** Symposium, hosted by IDEA's Young Professionals Group, to hear about new technologies, innovations and industry trends. Connect with recent industry entrants and mentors. Get a feel for how district energy is driving decarbonization at scale.
- At our **Speed Networking Meetup**, a select group of companies seeking to attract new talent will be available for quick meetups, resume-sharing and career information exchange. These companies are actively investing in new systems, technologies and platforms to accelerate the energy transition. More details to follow.
- For more information about the Campus Conference, visit the [CampusEnergy2025 website](#).

### Student Program Schedule at-a-Glance

Event	Time
Registration	12:00-1:00pm
District Energy 102	1:00-3:30pm
Networking Meetup w/Employers	3:30-5:00pm
Opening Reception and Exhibit Hall Access	5:00-6:30pm

### How to Register

Good news! Registration for this CampusEnergy2025 student event is free of charge! All you need to do is register and get yourself to the Westin Seaport Boston on Monday, February 3 and we'll do the rest. The deadline to register is **Thursday, January 30**. Please note that **space is limited for this event**, so register early!

[Register for free!](#)

IDEA classifies students as anyone actively enrolled in an undergraduate program, or in a full-time graduate/PhD program. After you register, we'll be in touch with additional program information.

Boston is home to many incredible universities. While we expect strong attendance from local students, this event is **open to all students** interested in learning about district energy & networking with potential employers.

If you'd like to attend the rest of CampusEnergy2025 (Tuesday and Wednesday Main Program sessions), you can do so at the low Student Registration rate. Visit the [IDEA Registration page](#) for pricing details. This year, we have several students from MIT who will be leading presentations throughout the program; come see what your peers are already doing to make a difference in district energy!

Not sure if you want to attend? Take a look at the [CampusEnergy2024 Main Education Program](#) for what will be our most comprehensive program ever. Registrants also get unlimited access to session recordings as well, providing you with content and ideas you can always revisit.

### Questions?

Please contact Scott Szycher, Director of Business Development at [scott.idea@districtenergy.org](mailto:scott.idea@districtenergy.org), or Megan Lim, IDEA Student Liaison and recent MIT grad at [meganlim@mit.edu](mailto:meganlim@mit.edu) with any questions you or your organization or campus might have about getting involved in this program.