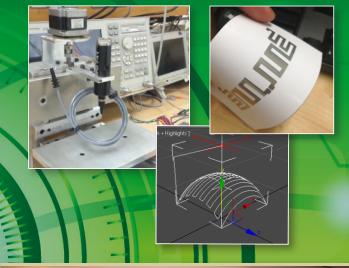
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Bulls Engineering Success Training

A College-Wide Program for Enhancing Experiential Learning in our Students







What is BEST?

The Bulls Engineering Success Training (BEST) program provides selected undergraduate students in the College of Engineering an interdisciplinary industry-based capstone design experience.

A BEST team of six students will complete an industry-contributed project in two semesters and will earn 6 credit hours. The BEST program will prepare students for their first job in industry and enable them to hit the ground running. All BEST students are supervised by a College of Engineering faculty member and mentored by an industry partner.

Being part of the BEST program is a great way for companies to help prepare the next generation of practicing engineers. Participating companies benefit directly from having a project completed and gain recruiting advantages in hiring new engineers.

Industry & University Collaboration

BEST is based on collaboration between industry and the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida.

Industry contributes:

- Project
- Project mentor
- Funding

College of Engineering contributes:

- Product development training
- Faculty supervisor for each project
- Project coordination and support
- Team of students

What is in it for students/industry/faculty?

For students...

 A great learning experience to better prepare them for their first job

For industry...

- Completion of a project of direct value
- Recruiting and access to students
- A meaningful way to give back to the University

For faculty...

• Connections with industry

Proposed Project Timeline

Fall Semester

- · Kick-off meeting with company
- Completion of development plan
- Completion of project requirements
- Completion of project design
- Completion of a prototype
- Mid-term presentation to company and faculty

Periodic reviews and status meetings

Spring Semester

- Completion of test plan
- Completion of product testing
- Completion of documentation
- Final review of deliverables
- Final delivery, installation, and presentation to company

Periodic reviews and status meetings

Possible next step from a project

 Continuation with paid internship or full-time employment at decision of company

Not an integral part of BEST... could be a next step at the choice of a company.