

**Executive Summary:**

The NEEPRI-NRC Scholarships program will enable the Nuclear Engineering Program for Rhode Island (NEEPRI), a currently funded project under NRC Award # NRC-38-08-917 at the University of Rhode Island, to offer ten \$2,500 scholarships per semester to students enrolled in the nuclear option. The nuclear option consists of an additional 18 semester credits in nuclear engineering courses added to requirements for mechanical, chemical, electrical, industrial, civil, or ocean engineering BS degrees which are all ABET accredited. The proposed scholarship program leverages the existing NRC education grant funded program, faculty, staff, and facilities to recruit and encourage a much wider population of students to participate in the nuclear option under NEEPRI. The scholarships are offered to students that meet the eligibility requirements as established by the NRC and the NEEPRI program. The program will implement a comprehensive and inclusive recruiting and selection process. Comprehensive formative and summative evaluation plans have been formulated to assess the effectiveness of the scholarship program. The program will be supported by the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center by providing access to the classroom, laboratory, and reactor facilities as well as staff support.

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