

Indian River State College's Nuclear Scholarship Program Executive Summary

Indian River State College (IRSC) is requesting scholarships to increase the number of minority and economically disadvantaged students in its Nuclear Power Plant Technology Institute. These funds will also support the recruitment of candidates with demonstrated leadership skills.

The scholarships will be used to assist new students with full tuition, books, and fees for the length of the program. Our industrial partners have explicitly expressed to us the need to fill a significant void in leadership and diversification. By recruiting and training the highest caliber students, IRSC can fill this void.

Indian River State College's Nuclear Power Plant Technology Institute was established in 2006 to create a pipeline of nuclear technicians in five different specialties including mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and controls, radiation protection, and non-licensed operators. The Nuclear Power Plant Technology Institute supports key energy partners including Florida Power & Light, Progress Energy, and Bartlett Inc. Currently, the institute has 53 first year students and 22 second year students. As a model partnership between industry and education, the Nuclear Power Plant Technology Institute received the 2007 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College and it is a goal of the institute to become a leader in diversification and leadership efforts.