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Apply to be a 2025 Spark Scholar!

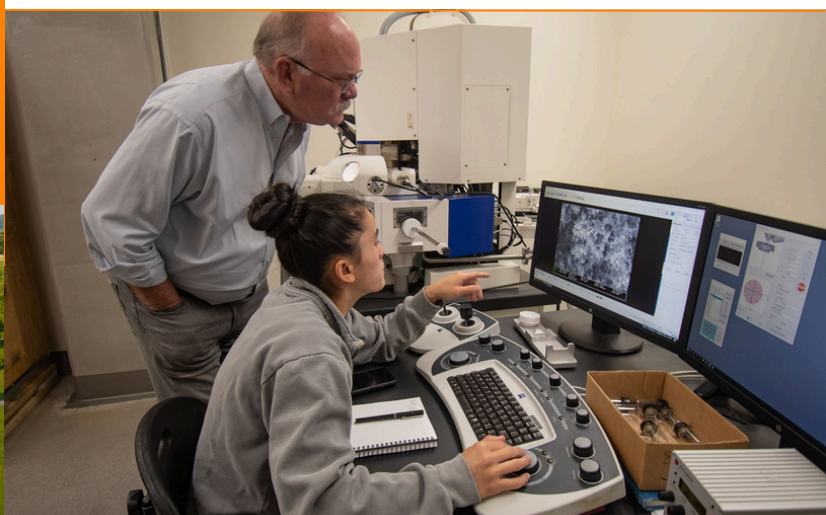
The Spark Scholar Program offers hands-on experience to students who are interested in assisting advanced tech and climatetech startups with materials processing-related research and development technical support.

Program Details:

- Scholars must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students at the University of Tennessee and be in good standing with the University.
- Eligible students cannot already be supported on a graduate research or teaching assistantship.
- Competitive hourly rate.
- Spark Scholars may be employed part-time elsewhere on campus, but the total hours worked per week at all UT positions may not exceed 20 hours during academic semesters.

How to Apply? Want to Learn More?

Email Andy at ssarles@utk.edu with the subject line: "Spark Scholar Interest"



Request a Spark Scholar for your Company!

The Spark Scholar Program is designed to match tech startups working with the Spark Innovation Center with UTK engineering students for jointly sponsored internships related to materials processing-related research and product development. Spark Scholars provides students with exposure to cutting edge startups and technologies, and provides startups with skilled student support at an accessible rate.

Program Description:

Company eligibility: The company must be an active member of the Spark Innovation Center (Spark Incubator or Spark Cleantech Accelerator current member or alum) or member of Innovation Crossroads. The company should incorporate materials characterization or processing into the intern's responsibilities.

Cost-sharing: The UT Center for Material Processing will contribute 50% of the intern's hourly wage, capped at two interns per company at any one time. Maximum CMP contribution is \$10,000 per scholar, \$20,000 per company, per fiscal year. Matching support limited to a maximum of 40 hours per week when school is not in session, and 20 hours per week during the academic school year.

Program Details: A Spark Scholar position can last up to one year. Companies must re-apply for CMP support for Spark Scholars each fiscal year. New requests for scholars are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Companies can apply with a pre-identified student, or the program will help identify eligible candidates.

Praise for Spark Scholars:

"The access to faculty and students who know how to use the equipment and the interns have really helped us increase our experimental volume."

- Philip Stuckey, FC Renew

Want to Apply?

- Fill out the Spark Scholars [application form](#)
- Email Lillian for any additional questions at lillian@tnresearchpark.com

