

Energy Transition Lab

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The Energy Transition Lab is now recruiting students to be a part of the University of Minnesota's Solar University (SUN) Delegation. The SUN Delegation will be made up of a student deployment team whose goal is to have the University of Minnesota invest in, or build, at least 1 megawatt (MW) of solar. The student deployment team will help recruit other students, find solar sites, determine investment propositions and present a viable investment plan to the University of Minnesota decision makers. **Students will be accepted on a rolling basis but we would appreciate applications by August 10th so we can make decisions on our first traveling opportunity.**



The SUN Delegation is a program of the Solar Endowment project which is funded by the DOE Sunshot Initiative and managed by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. The University partners other than the University of Minnesota are: Purdue, University of Illinois and the Missouri University of Science and Technology. At the University of Minnesota the project is being led by [the Energy Transition Lab](#) with the guidance of the Institute on the Environment.

We are looking for graduate or undergraduate students with a wide range of specialties; law, communication, finance, engineering, environmental, geography, organizing, media, journalism, economics, policy. Students from all campuses are welcome and encouraged to join including Twin Cities, Crookston, Duluth, Morris and Rochester.

Participation Perks:

- Engagement in a long term project with significant outcomes
- Creating a more sustainable campus
- Free online solar classes and receive a Solar Site Assessment Certificate from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA).
 - ✓ [Photovoltaics 101](#)
 - ✓ [Solar Site Assessment course](#)
- Traveling opportunities for student leaders. The first complementary trip for 4-5 students will be to Colorado in September to visit National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL).
- A Spring 2016 course, taught by Ellen Anderson and others, with this project as the main focus. SUN Delegation Members will have first priority to take this course.
- Access to an advisory committee made up of University of Minnesota faculty and a Solar Technical Assistance Team (STAT) to assist in legal, financial and technical work.

Sun Delegation Members will commit to:

- Attend at least one meeting a month for both Fall and Spring Semester (special arrangements will be made for students on campuses other than the Twin Cities campus)
- At least 5-10 hours per month of independent work

If you are interested in participating please fill out the following questions! We are seeking a student deployment team with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

Name _____ Major _____

Expected Grad Date: _____ Graduate/Under Grad (Circle One)

Campus _____

Please tell us a little bit about yourself (what you like to do, hobbies, interests, community involvement). Please include any related to how your diverse experiences would help contribute to the SUN Delegation. *100-200 word limit*

Why do you want to be part of the SUN Delegation (i.e. What will you offer to it? What will you take from it?) *200 word limit*

What are some examples of positive that change that you have been involved in...what was your role in this change? *200 word limit*

What groups are you involved in now? Are they University affiliated? Would there be a possibility for collaboration between the two groups? *100-200 word limit*

As part of the SUN Delegation, students will need to juggle their other priorities with being part of this group. What limitations do you see for your availability for meetings in the Fall and Spring semester? How do you see yourself managing this group relative to your other commitments? *100-200 word limit*

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For questions, please contact the Solar Endowments Graduate Assistant, Laura Burrington at 612-963-4757 or cinax012@umn.edu