Industry Supported Student Project (ISSP) Opportunity

Cal Poly welcomes the opportunity to join with private companies in partnerships that are mutually beneficial. We seek relationships that will enable our students and faculty to work on projects of interest to industry and encourage an exchange of knowledge and expertise between academia and private enterprise.

Cal Poly has developed a mechanism to tap into the university’s highly talented student pool to solve real-world problems and build relationships. Industry Supported Student Projects (ISSP) provide opportunities for individuals and companies to interact with and support students in their path towards graduation. Key benefits of the ISSP program to private partners include:

- Opportunity to work with teams of creative and talented Cal Poly students to design and build innovative solutions to complex real-world challenges
- Provide an alternative and hyper-engaging mechanism to assess talent and recruit Cal Poly students
- Build brand awareness with heavily recruited Cal Poly student body
- Express contracting mechanism that aligns sponsor and Cal Poly interests related to intellectual property, creative work, and publication.

Depending on discipline, ISSP projects typically contain a discrete design and “build” phase culminating in a specific project outcome. Sponsors that are actively engaged with student teams tend to produce highest results for both the sponsor and the student teams. The ISSP mechanism is not appropriate for export controlled projects, and for projects that that are not open to all students, regardless of citizenship. These engagements can be facilitated utilizing a different contracting mechanism.

To initiate a project, contact the faculty member who provided this flyer or contact Corporate Engagement and Innovation (cei@calpoly.edu). More information can be found on our website.