



CLEAN ENERGY INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

CEI Membership & Affiliation

CEI Mission

The Clean Energy Institute (CEI) at the University of Washington was founded in 2013 with funds from the state of Washington. Our mission is to accelerate the adoption of a scalable clean energy future that will improve the health and economy of our state, nation, and world. To accomplish this, CEI supports the advancement of next-generation solar energy and battery materials and devices, as well as their integration with systems and the grid. The Institute creates the ideas and educates the people needed to generate these innovations, while facilitating the pathways to bring them to market.

Purpose of CEI Member Faculty, Affiliate Faculty, and Senior Fellows

Community engagement is critical to the success of CEI's mission in discovering new science, developing new technology, educating the innovators, and building the communities and pathways needed to generate clean energy advances and bring them to market in an equitable manner.

There are currently three categories of CEI affiliation for faculty and professionals: CEI Member Faculty, CEI Affiliate Faculty, and CEI Senior Fellows. The eligibility criteria, responsibilities, benefits and procedures for becoming a member for each category are outlined below.

Member Faculty (UW)

CEI resources such as fellowships, facilities, and professional development, are available to all UW faculty and trainees regardless of their (or their adviser's) affiliation status. Full CEI membership is designed to help identify and recognize UW faculty who are focused on proactively advancing CEI's mission in the area of research, education, and/or technology transfer.

Eligibility:

- UW Faculty
- Active participant in the CEI community via research in CEI-related fields, education, innovation, and/or other significant contributions to the community broader impacts that advance CEI's mission

Rights and Responsibilities:

CEI Members are expected to: participate actively in the life of the Institute by participating in seminars and events, nominating and meeting with seminar speakers, responding to information and media requests, proposing and leading new initiatives, investing time to support the CEI fellowship program, participating in seminars and meetings, applying for fellowships and collaborative programs, and participating in relevant events and outreach activities. Members will receive priority notification of opportunities for funding, networking, support, and representing CEI at state and local functions through the cei_member_faculty@uw.edu email list. The trainee and faculty advisory board (TFAB) of CEI, the institute's main vehicle for internal consultation and decisions on Fellowships, other resource allocations, and policy, is majority composed of Member Faculty. In short, Member Faculty are recognized as essential contributors to the Institute. In addition to the rights and responsibilities for Affiliate Member Faculty (listed below), it is expected that members will:

- Include content on their own public website that demonstrates active participation in CEI-related activities and priorities (from research to education/ broader impacts). CEI's logo can be found [here](#).
- Promote CEI activities via their social media accounts and to their professional communities.
- Nominate and confirm an early career scientist from their group to participate in CEI's "Early Career Council"
- Participate in DEI and mentoring trainings as they are developed
- Regularly communicate with CEI staff and leadership regarding research, broader impacts, grant activity, and strategic planning
- Agree to affirm CEI's current DEI statement and values via signature

Membership Procedures:

- Submit a nominations or self-nomination on the CEI website: <https://www.cei.washington.edu/about/get-involved/membership-affiliation/>
- Nominations will be evaluated at least annually in the fall quarter by the CEI Chief Scientist who will consult the CEI Trainee and Faculty Advisory Board (TFAB) for an advisory vote. Appointments will require a majority of cast votes and concurrence by the Chief Scientist.
- Selected members will be added to the CEI website and appropriate email lists.

Term:

- CEI Member Faculty will be reviewed every 3 years by the CEI Trainee and Faculty Advisory Board (confirmed by simple majority vote by TFAB)
- Membership can be revoked any time by a majority vote of all TFAB members with at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of voting members responding

CEI Affiliate Member Faculty

While not everyone is fully aligned with the CEI mission, nor do all have the time to commit to CEI research, education, or technology transfer activities at the level of a full member, CEI recognizes the benefits of cultivating a broader network of affiliate member faculty interested in advancing these scalable clean energy solutions through innovation, education, and commercialization. CEI resources such as fellowships, facilities, and professional development are available to all UW faculty and trainees regardless of affiliation or member status. Shared resources such as facilities and testbeds are open to the public under the conditions of current user agreements.

Affiliate Member Faculty Eligibility:

- Faculty from UW and other universities; professionals from industry, national laboratories, state and federal government, and philanthropic organizations who share a common mission with CEI
- Demonstrate evidence of interest in engaging the CEI community via research, education, or other contributions to broader impacts that serve CEI's mission and research foci through tangible actions and interactions

Rights and Responsibilities:

CEI Affiliate Member Faculty are expected to take interest in the life of the institute through occasional participation in seminars and events, research and educational collaborations with CEI trainees and members, and responding to occasional requests from CEI for information and input. They are encouraged to connect with and promote CEI's activities on social media platforms and on their website. In addition, CEI Affiliate Member Faculty will:

- Receive notification of opportunities for research collaborations and funding
- Be invited to events such as our seminar series, workshops with climate tech leaders, and the biennial ORCAS Conference historically held at Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands
- Be invited to nominate speakers for the CEI seminar series
- Receive notification of opportunities for UW students such including [CEI Fellowship funding](#) (applications are generally each spring for the following AY), travel awards, and other professional development opportunities.
- Receive information about our REU (non-UW) and MSEP ALVA summer programs for undergraduate summer students
- Be notified of new capabilities and opportunities in our [research facilities](#), including the [Washington Clean Energy Testbeds](#)
- Be invited to participate in activities which support broader impacts components of research proposals
- Have the option (but not the requirement) (UW faculty only) to nominate a group member/affiliate to the "Early Career Council"
- Affiliate Member Faculty will be included on [CEI Affiliates@uw.edu](mailto:CEI_Affiliates@uw.edu) mailing list and notified of news, events, seminars, and opportunities
- Have the opportunity to develop deeper ties with CEI programs and resources including facilities, community outreach, and professional development
- Agree to affirm CEI's current DEI statement and values via signature
- Be invited to participate in CEI's DEI and mentoring training programs as they are developed
- Be invited (on a space-available basis) to attend events hosted by organizations that CEI holds membership in (e.g. CleanTech Alliance, E8)

Membership Procedures:

- Prospective Affiliates should submit a form on the CEI website: <https://www.cei.washington.edu/about/get-involved/membership-affiliation/>
- Requests will be reviewed quarterly by the CEI Chief Scientist or Director
- Selected persons will be added to the CEI website and appropriate email lists

Term

- CEI Affiliates will be reviewed every 3 years and will be renewed or terminated at the request of the Affiliate and concurrence of the CEI Chief Scientist or Director
- An Affiliate that requests removal from the CEI_Affiliates@uw.edu email list will automatically be assumed to be requesting removal from the Affiliates list unless they communicate otherwise
- Affiliate membership can be revoked by an electronic vote of the majority vote of voting TFAB members

CEI Senior Fellows

CEI recognizes that external partners in both government and the private sector are critical to advancing CEI's mission of accelerating the adoption of a scalable clean energy future through distinctive partnerships and activities in research, education, and/or technology transfer. CEI Senior Fellow is a position of distinction that is conferred on distinguished external partners in recognition of their tireless and ongoing commitment to advance CEI's mission and goals through both their own independent work, and their relationships with CEI and its stakeholders.

CEI Senior Fellow Membership Benefits:

- Be invited to speak and receive an honorarium at the CEI Seminar Series
- Be invited to CEI events such as the ORCAS conference historically held at Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands
- Be eligible to nominate other CEI Senior Fellows
- Be invited to nominate speakers for future CEI seminar series
- Receive priority notification of CEI and WCET activities such as industry days and entrepreneurship workshops
- Receive priority notification of CEI community activities, outreach, and opportunities for new collaborations
- CEI Senior Fellows will be included on the CEI_Senior_Fellows@uw.edu mailing list and notified of select events, seminars, news, and opportunities, senior fellows may elect to be added to the CEI_Affiliates@uw.edu mailing list for more regular updates
- Agree to affirm CEI's current DEI statement and values via signature

Membership Procedures:

- Nominations should be submitted by core CEI Member Faculty (members of cei_member_faculty@uw.edu) or CEI staff including Collaboration Core Administrator, Associate Director of Communications & External Relations, Managing Director and Senior Staff Scientists of WCET, and Operations Manager
- Nominations should include CV and statement of support by from at least one core faculty
- Nominations should be submitted via email to ceiapps@uw.edu

Expectations:

While CEI Senior Fellow is an honorary title, senior fellows are encouraged to develop deeper ties with CEI programs and resources including facilities, community outreach, and professional development by:

- Contributing to professional development activities for CEI including hosting CEI student fellows for internships
- Serving as external mentors for CEI students, and volunteering to serve on advisory committees
- Sponsoring student tech treks
- Displaying the CEI logo/acknowledge CEI in reporting of partnerships