The K-State College of Engineering (COE) not only provides students an exceptional educational experience, it also sends the highest quality talent into the workforce. Corporations that partner with the COE discover many benefits in building a relationship with the college, including:

- Connecting with talented, diverse students who are outstanding recruitment prospects.
- Accessing continuing education and professional development uniquely designed to attain corporate goals.
- Utilizing research and development expertise in industry’s relevant areas.
- Increasing brand awareness and recognition among students, faculty, staff and alumni.

To ensure the college develops a robust and meaningful relationship with each of its corporate partners, the COE has relocated its spring semester Engineering Career Fair into the recently expanded Engineering Complex. We strongly believe that this new venue will provide an improved experience for our corporate partners with regard to recruiting our students and to making important personal connections with the COE faculty and staff.

As part of this change in venue, a $300 investment (tax-deductible) will be required of each corporation in addition to the registration fees with the K-State Career Center. This investment will be used to advance the COE creative inquiry teams. Our creative inquiry teams are known for excelling nationally while enhancing real-world skills, such as leadership and teamwork, while also giving students hands-on training and a competitive edge in the job market.
CREATIVE INQUIRY TEAMS

Long-time supporters of the college may be familiar with individual creative inquiry team results. For example, if you follow the news from the department of chemical engineering, you already know the Chem-E-Car Team finished first in its regional competition sponsored by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. However, you may be surprised to see the breadth and depth at which K-State creative inquiry teams are competing to solve technical challenges — many of them competing and producing results similar to the Chem-E-Car Team.

Our alumni and corporate partners are constantly amazed by the success of our students, and often comment how the creative inquiry team experience is providing a great training environment for world-class engineers and scientists. To learn more about creative inquiry, we invite you to read Launch — our unique COE publication that documents the accomplishments of our creative inquiry teams. Each year, hundreds of students participate on more than 20 creative inquiry teams that compete in regional, national and international events on topics ranging from wind power to unmanned aircraft.

These competitions are trial by fire, where our students must match wits and skill against their peers from across the country and world. These are situations where we really see how much students have learned in their courses and how far they are willing to go to turn their ideas into a real system. Working professionals create challenging problems they know from firsthand experience are difficult to solve and will test skills needed in industrial practice after graduation. Competition organizers know the winning solutions will require innovative ideas that can be shaped to meet realistic constraints such as safety, cost or time limits — the way real-world research and development is done. These are daunting tasks, but additional investment from corporate partners will help creative inquiry team members excel in competition, college and career.

“It’s an excellent opportunity beyond the classroom. Learning what it takes to get something done — coordination, meeting deadlines and follow-through.”

— Joe Farrar, president and CEO of Farrar Corporation, a longtime supporter of K-State engineering teams

Join us!

You can become part of our exciting future. We invite you to contact a member of our development staff today and begin the discussion about how you can make a difference.

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