

**SUBJECT LINE:** Energy Efficiency Research Positions @ CalPlug

**To: Engineering Undergraduates**

Come join us at the California Plug Load Research Center, the first energy efficiency center in California dedicated to plug-in appliances and electronics. CalPlug received \$1 million from the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research program to further its research efforts. We offer great opportunities for young clean-tech minds to work in a highly interdisciplinary environment for scholarship, research and industry experience. The individual study positions available cover critical topics of plug-load efficiency at homes and businesses. Interested students are welcome to submit resumes and attend our orientation:

**“Introducing CalPlug”**  
**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00-6:00 pm**  
**3008 Calit2 Building**  
**Irvine, CA. 92697-2800**



Light refreshments will be provided.

## **POSITIONS**

We are calling for a talented group of students from all engineering departments to join our team. Diversity is a must for creativity. Current research topics and teams are listed below.

### Energy Management System

- This research team is developing an energy management system that will be able to record and track the use of energy throughout a specific area in order to investigate and analyze the standards of energy consumption.

### Instrumentation

- This research division is currently testing multiple types of set-top-boxes to record energy consumption and to develop a standard in which all these devices could be tested and compared on common basis

### Set-Top-Box

- This team investigates available set-top-boxes and the component's energy use. Research gathered will assist in creating a set-top box of our own.

## BENEFITS

- Students will obtain **hands-on research experiences** for industry leading topics under the guidance of **Prof. G.P. Li**, the Interim Director of CalPlug. Day-to-day supervision will be available from **Dr. Arthur Zhang**, and/or other faculty members.
- Besides **199 course credits** during the Summer quarter of 2013, students maintaining outstanding research performance will be considered for **potential compensation** starting the Fall quarter of 2013.
- Designated **cubicles, project space, testing equipment** and **computers** will be allocated according to project needs.
- **Recommendation letters** provided for CalPlug alumni would be valuable, thanks to CalPlug's strong affiliation with major organizations and industry players, such as the California Energy Commission, Southern California Edison, Broadcom Corporation, the Consumer Electronics Association and other UC campuses.

## APPLICATION

Motivated applicants are welcome to apply and attend the orientation event. Please follow these procedures to apply:

1. Submit your one-page resume to Marta Mendoza at [martam@calplug.org](mailto:martam@calplug.org); copy Dr. Arthur Zhang [yzhang@calit2.uci.edu](mailto:yzhang@calit2.uci.edu)
2. Tell us your interests after the orientation and we'll pair you up with a project.
3. Enroll under Prof. G.P. Li's 199 course code by 5 pm June 21<sup>st</sup>; July 5<sup>th</sup> the latest (a \$100 late fee required by the office of registrar). Usual campus requirements for 199 courses applied.

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## CalPlug

Ubiquitous plug-load devices include appliances, electronics and tools—anything that plugs into an electrical outlet. Currently, these devices are responsible for as much as 20 percent of the electrical consumption in buildings, and 30 percent by 2030. To exacerbate the situation, a majority of these devices consume power even when not in use—the much dreaded “vampire power,” which accounts for over 15 GW power consumption, worldwide, 24/7. The plug loads, if not well managed, could disable California's plans for Zero Net Energy in new homes by 2020.

CalPlug was established to improve energy efficiency in the use and design of appliances and consumer electronic devices. CalPlug focuses on energy efficiency solutions, efficiency evaluations of consumer electronics, standards development, education and public outreach, and user behavior studies. CalPlug will address challenges in plug-load efficiency for both residential and commercial buildings by collaborating closely with utilities, manufacturers, advocacy groups, research institutions and energy policy makers.

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