

## *Empowering Underserved Students: Future Energy Workforce Members*

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# Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize Grant Proposal

Washington State University Tri-Cities (WSU Tri-Cities) is a community-centric campus with a history of successfully engaging underserved students, in particular the Hispanic/LatinX community. We strive for our students to report a strong sense of belonging, have multiple and relevant pathways for success, and have a supportive, career-connected learning environment. We are working to strengthen our ability to serve as a bridge between industry and education. With campus research focused on the environment, sustainability and clean energy, we believe this DOE Prize is a catalyst to develop new academic programs, research collaborations and entrepreneurial activities in the areas of clean energy and climate innovation. We wish to develop a set of courses that incorporate student research/innovation teams (“incubators”) working with faculty and industry mentors to address local challenges related to climate change and its impact on disadvantaged communities.