

Project TREE – Transfer Renewable Energy & Efficiency

Information about the TREE scholarship program

What is TREE?

TREE stands for **Transfer Renewable Energy & Efficiency** and is being undertaken by the Renewables Academy (RENAC) as part of the climate protection initiative of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

TREE aims to facilitate the transfer of know-how on renewable energies and energy efficiency for decision makers from government ministries, administrators and the private sector, and for engineers already working in the field of solar technology, or for those who are seeking to work in the field.

TREE is a scholarship-based program. The scholarship includes travel expenses, seminar costs, accommodation and a contribution to daily expenses.

TREE - A sustainable training concept

The TREE program comprises a graduated range of courses and includes introductory seminars, advanced seminars, distance learning and individual follow-up, oriented around the strategies of the respective government partner.

- TREE Decision Maker seminars in Berlin: Decision makers will gain a basic technical understanding of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency measures. They will receive an overview of the suitability of various technologies for their home country plus information on the regulatory position, and market and political incentives for the technology.
- For engineers, one-week courses in Berlin on solar thermal and photovoltaics (grid connected and off-grid) will be offered. These will address the theoretical and practical details of planning, installing, operating, monitoring and maintaining solar technology. Practical training will take place in RENAC's Training Center. Additionally, project management and non-technical aspects such as calculations, marketing or financing will be covered.
- Both decision makers and engineers will be able to attend advanced courses in individual technologies during 2009.
- As a follow-up to the seminars, distance-learning courses and individual support will be offered.
- Decision makers and engineers can apply to the Renewables Academy for a TREE seminar scholarship.

Technologies	Content
Solar Thermal	Overview over the Technologies
Photovoltaics (grid connected and off-grid systems)	Market Introduction
Wind Energy	Concrete Courses of Action
Geothermal	Business Environment
Biogas	Project Management
Biofuels	Costs, Economics
Solid Biomass	Finance Options
Energy Efficiency in Buildings	Necessary Infrastructure
Energy Efficiency in Industry and Commerce	Operational and Maintenance Effort
	Qualification Requirements

Who can apply?

TREE is aimed at interested candidates from Brazil, South Africa, India, China, Chile, Mexico, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Decision makers and engineers from these countries having several years' professional experience in public posts or business may apply. Typical fields of work of the participants would be public institutions (such as government or regional ministries, planning bodies, regulators, research institutions) and private or privately-funded institutions (such as project developers, manufacturers, system providers, financial services, utilities, grid-network operators), politicians, other professionals.

Good or very good English skills are required.

How does one apply for a TREE seminar scholarship?

From 01.10.2008, those interested may apply online through the form on the TREE homepage (www.tree-project.de). Before this date, please download the application form on www.tree-project.de and send it by e-mail or by post to the address below.

Besides the professional background of candidates, the motivation of applicants is especially important. Please describe briefly, why you have an interest in renewable energy or energy efficiency, and what opportunities you foresee to be able to apply and integrate the knowledge into your profession/daily work. In addition, good or very good English language skills must be clearly demonstrated.

Applications should be sent to:

RENAC AG
Chausseestrasse 25
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Please use the keyword: TREE seminar scholarship

E-Mail: haupt@renac.de

Documents required:

- CV
- Application form
- Short letter

German institutions (embassies, GTZ, KfW, AHK, companies, etc.) may propose particularly well suited candidates for the scholarship.

Who is behind TREE?

The Renewables Academy (RENAC), based in Berlin, offers education and training in the areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. RENAC organizes courses and training for international participants in photovoltaics, solar thermal, wind energy, biomass and energy efficiency. Practical training with hands-on training exercises will take place in the RENAC Training Center.

Further information

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