The Industry Capstone Program brings together UW students and professionals to tackle real-world, interdisciplinary engineering problems. Sponsors bring in projects from their organizations and provide support to teams of creative, talented engineering students who will design and build innovative solutions.

**BENEFITS TO SPONSORS**

- **MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT**: Customized opportunity to assess student talent and recruit for jobs
- **CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING**: Low-cost opportunity for a fresh look at a problem
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**: Technical mentor can practice and apply leadership skills
- **BRAND RECOGNITION**: Boost public awareness of your organization through student engagement
- **UW PARTNERSHIPS**: Build impactful connections within the UW College of Engineering
- **COMMERCIAL LICENSES**: Non-exclusive commercial license to any IP developed through project

**HOW IT WORKS**

- **INNOVATION**: Potential sponsors propose a project for review by College of Engineering faculty
- **SPONSORSHIP**: Organizations commit financially to cover project costs and program fee
- **TEAM MATCHING**: Students are matched to an approved project and faculty mentor
- **MENTORSHIP**: A technical mentor meets with the team weekly for project duration (January-June)
- **PROBLEM SOLVING**: Student teams embark on a full-scale design process with help from technical and faculty mentors, including:
  - Problem definition
  - Benchmark studies
  - Concept generation and feasibility studies
  - Engineering design analysis
  - Prototype fabrication and testing when applicable

**SAMPLE TIMELINE**

- **Early September**: Project proposals due
- **Late October**: Project proposal presentations
- **Early December**: Mentor orientation and team kickoff
- **January - June**: Projects in progress, weekly team meetings with mentors
- **June**: Final capstone showcase

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