

Shell Scholarships Available through CAPT

Shell Oil Company is offering scholarships to qualified applicants through the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT) located at the College of the Mainland.

These scholarships are designed to promote students' interest in two-year degree programs, and the jobs associated with the degrees. These scholarships encourage promising students to enroll in: Process/Production Technology, Petroleum Technology, Compressor/Compression Technology, Electrical/Electronics Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Instrumentation/Analyzer Technology or Machinist/Mechanical Technology. In order to capture the intellectual talent necessary to fuel industry's process technology jobs now and in the future.

Scholarships of \$2,000 are available for students who are currently enrolled or who are planning to enroll in any of the above listed two-year degree programs.

Both full-and part-time students can apply, as well as high school seniors who will graduate this spring.

Full time students are eligible for \$750 per semester and part time students for \$500 per semester. Scholarships can be used to pay for tuition, books, fees, and educational supplies.

Students selected to receive a scholarship should meet basic hiring criteria for future employment with industry sponsors.



The two-year degree scholarship award is primarily based on scholastic performance with a minimum requirement of a 2.5 overall grade point average. Once a scholarship is received, there is a 3-year time limit to complete the degree program.

To be considered for a scholarship award, your application and required documentation must be received at the CAPT office by May 1, 2009.

For application forms or more information, visit www.captech.org or call Cindy Cobb at 409.938.1211, ext. 103.

Interns Share Keys to a Successful Internship

Each year students who have completed their summer internships are asked to provide advice to future interns. The following are the top five keys to success identified by the students:

1. Begin your internship with an open mind and take full advantage of every opportunity that is given to you.
2. Learn as much as possible before your internship, and be prepared to listen and observe.
3. Take an interpersonal communications class to make you aware of your own responsibilities in good communication.
4. Research the company you will intern with – know what the job you will train for involves and prepare for the specific internship location.
5. Prepare to work hard and to learn a lot.

Students enrolled in, or graduates from, a two-year Process Technology (PTEC) or Instrumentation degree program can apply for paid student internships with BP Exploration and Production or Shell Oil Company. Onshore and offshore internships are offered periodically throughout the year.

If you are interested in an internship, please read the Internship Guide for PTEC Students (found at www.captech.org/press/intern_guide_2006.pdf) for a better understanding of what an internship involves.

BP and Shell Internships Apply Now



BP's technician internship program usually takes place during the summer breaks, but can also occur at other times. The program enables students to gain hands-on experience and awareness of BP career opportunities. Interns are mentored by experienced BP technicians during their internship.

Opportunities are available in all major areas of BP for process, production, instrumentation, electrical, and mechanical technician students.

To apply for a BP internship, go to www.bp.com/careers/usu, and choose "Interns and Co-Ops" in the box on the left-hand side of the page to view information on how and where to apply for an internship.



Shell Exploration & Production Company offers paid internships to students who are interested in learning about the offshore and onshore production operations environment. Interns are assigned to a full-time supervisor who will closely monitor and evaluate their performance during the three-month internship.

To apply for internship opportunities, go to www.shell.com/us/careers. Then choose "Students" from the four choices offered on the *Jobs & Careers* page. You can complete and submit an application online. Within 14 days of receiving your application, you will receive an application status update from Shell via e-mail.

A PTEC™ Student's Success Story

"I have learned that I can achieve anything I am challenged to do," said Leslie Jackson, a process technician at CITGO Petroleum in Lake Charles, Louisiana. "I know now that not only being part of the industrial team is important, it is as special as being with your family at home. And most importantly, setting and obtaining my goals for life is a road map for success."

Initially, Leslie owned a child care facility in North Carolina, yet wasn't sure that this would guarantee her a good living in the future. "I researched the projection for the future of process technology very well before I chose to make this my life-long career," she said. "I learned that this growing industry would be in need of many future operations and craft personnel. I also learned that I would be compensated handsomely through my salary and benefits. Moreover, I could help protect the environment by continuing safe production of the oil and gas industry."

A relative showed her a newspaper story about the Process Technology

(PTEC™) Program at the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont and Leslie made the decision to enroll at LIT and earn her PTEC degree in two years. Leslie was hired by CITGO immediately after graduation.

"I was very impressed with Leslie from the first day," her instructor, Program Director Walter Tucker said. "The whole class immediately felt her enthusiasm. After graduation, she participated in a Career Day program at an area high school to let the students know that if she could succeed in the PTEC program at LIT, they could also succeed. Leslie believed in getting a degree that works."

Leslie knows that her career change was a good decision. "I believe that this industry is still in the expansion and development stages and will offer a rewarding career and lifestyle to the generations to come," she said. "I encourage anyone to step up to the challenges that this industry provides and find the victory that awaits them, too."



New CAPT Job Bank

What is the Job Bank?

The job bank is a free service, offered by CAPT, which matches qualified job seekers with companies seeking employees. Through the job bank students earning a process technology degree, or process technology graduates, are able to post a resume, specify job location preferences, and search and apply for job postings. Employers are able to post job openings, review potential applicants, and search student profiles. Instructors and other individuals can also visit the job bank and see what is available without having to create an account.

If you wish to access the job bank, please visit <http://jobbank.capttech.org>.

If you have accessed the job bank in the past, you will be pleased to know that it has recently been redesigned from the ground up. During this redesign we addressed many the key functionality issues that users had identified.

Some of the core issues addressed were:

- Signing up for an account
- Accounts are verified and activated immediately
- Employers ability to attach files to job postings
- Students ability to attach resumes
- Multiple accounts are no longer permitted
- Account profile management
- Time sensitive job postings (can no longer apply for expired job postings)
- Visual design of the application

To view the release notes that detail these modifications please visit <http://jobbank.capttech.org>.

