



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ENERGY (COE)

Center of Excellence for Energy Exchange Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for the Center of Excellence in Energy exchange program at Arizona State University (ASU-US)?

A: Undergraduate and graduate students in Ain Shams University, Aswan University, and Mansoura University who are studying energy-related fields such as energy engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, other engineering programs related to energy, or other energy-related fields such as energy-efficient buildings and transportation, architecture, energy policy, energy sustainability, energy climate, energy-water nexus, environmental energy-related sciences, etc., are welcome to apply.

To be eligible, students must be in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year with a GPA of 2.5 or above and have a passing English language score according to the ASU admission standards. Full eligibility criteria are on the [Center of Excellence for Energy website](https://coe.engineering.asu.edu/exchange-application/) (<https://coe.engineering.asu.edu/exchange-application/>).

Q: Are undergraduate and graduate students accepted?

Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

Q: If I am a graduate student, can I have an advisor at ASU-US?

A thesis or doctorate advisor at ASU-US is NOT guaranteed or arranged by the center as a part of this program. Graduate students may contact appropriate faculty at ASU-US to see if they would like to serve as an advisor on their master's thesis or PhD dissertation. This is the responsibility of the graduate student and not of the center's team. Further details can be provided following selection.

Q: What is the duration of the exchange program?

A: The exchange program is for the one-semester term (**Fall 2023**) starting from mid-August and ending mid-December 2023. Tentative program dates are August 10–December 16, 2023. **These dates are subject to change and final dates will be announced following selection.**

Q: What are the requirements to apply for exchange program?

A: Applicants must have a completed application package submitted through the online link. The package includes:

1. Completed student application form, including full name, gender, contact information, home university, specific degree program, department, GPA, technical course GPA (5 most recent technical courses)
2. Copy of passport bio page
3. Academic transcript for undergraduate or graduate education (with English translation)
4. Three letters of recommendation from faculty (in English, one page each maximum)
5. Proof of language proficiency (see details below)
6. Student course plan
7. Signed parental consent form
8. Personal statement on the student's interest in the energy area, their academic goals, and their motivation for the exchange program application (one page maximum)



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Q: Is there a language requirement for the exchange program?

A: Yes, applicants must have an acceptable English proficiency score according to the guidelines:

- TOEFL: score of at least 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT); ASU's institutional number is 4007
- IELTS: overall band score of at least 6.0
- DuoLingo English Test: overall score of at least 105

Q. When is the deadline for the application submission?

A: The application deadline is on March 4th, 2023. Proof of English proficiency can be submitted through March 20th, 2023.

Q: What occurs during the screening and interview process?

A: Once applications are screened for eligibility, applicants that satisfy the requirements will be ranked based on the selection criteria. Finalists passing screening and evaluation will go through at least two interview panels to finalize selection of exchange students.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Academic merit (Total GPA and technical courses GPA)
2. Extracurricular/professional activities (e.g. internships, energy-related clubs), or research experience
3. English proficiency
4. Personal statement (one page maximum)
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Interview results

The rubric for scoring candidates can be viewed on the COE website. (<https://coe.engineering.asu.edu/exchange-application/>).

Q: Can my relatives join?

A: Students are not permitted to bring relatives as a part of the exchange program.

Q: What if I am not an Egyptian citizen?

A: Students are required to be Egyptian citizens to participate in the program. Dual nationality is allowed as long as the student is an Egyptian citizen and passes all security clearances necessary.



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Q: Will I receive any money during the program? How will I be supported?

A: Students will receive a living stipend to provide for them during the length of the program. The Center of Excellence for Energy will also directly pay for international travel, lodging, utilities, meals, tuition, academic fees, and health insurance, related to the program.

Q: Are students with disabilities, female students, or students who are financially needy eligible to apply?

A: The Center of Excellence for Energy and Arizona State University value diversity and inclusion in exchange programs. Priority consideration during the selection process will be given to female students, persons with disabilities, and financially needy students. However, these individuals need to meet the eligibility criteria in order to participate in the program.

Q: If I participated before, can I apply again? If I applied before and was not selected, can I apply again?

A: Exchange students who participated in the Spring 2023 exchange program funded by COE are **not eligible** for this term's program. Any student who has received any other USAID scholarship or participated in another USAID-funded exchange program is not eligible for this program.

However, those students who applied and were not selected by the program previously **are eligible** to reapply if they still meet the eligibility criteria.