

UKERC Summer School 2011

26 June - 1 July 2011



Understanding Energy, low-carbon resilient energy systems and their impacts

The UK Energy Research Centre's 2011 Summer School has just under **2 weeks left until nominations close at 5pm GMT on the 17th March**. We are experiencing high demand so please submit your application soon!

The UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) is holding its seventh annual Energy Summer School from **26 June – 1 July 2011** at the University of Warwick in the English Midlands. There will be 100 places available for UK and international students.

The School has been specifically designed to give first and second year PhD students an understanding of energy systems as a whole and of pathways to low-carbon and resilient energy systems. We welcome applications from those engaged in energy-related research including technical, physical, social, economic, environmental and business aspects of energy and energy systems.

We would like to invite you to nominate students to attend. There is no charge for registered research students to attend the School; UKERC will provide accommodation and all meals and materials for activities. The School is conducted in English, and as it is highly interactive a good standard of comprehension and spoken English is essential.

Agenda

During the week-long course, which runs in parallel to UKERC's Annual Assembly, students will:

- Examine the challenge of the transition to a low-carbon, resilient and affordable energy system;
- Understand the global commercial, political, innovation and technological challenges in the transition to a low-carbon system;
- Be involved in high level debate on energy research priorities in a number of key research areas, from demand reduction to future sources of energy;
- Be presented with a number of contrasting international perspectives on energy;
- Have the opportunity to network with key academic, and energy research contacts;
- Research, develop, negotiate and agree a collective vision for a low-carbon energy system and present the work to the UK Energy Research Centre
- Develop and practice professional skills in communication and engagement

The course is professionally facilitated to provide continual support for participants, and includes a number of networking opportunities as well as social events.

Successful applicants will be notified by e-mail by mid-April 2011 and both nominator and nominee will at that time be asked to formally accept the place. Should the delegate subsequently withdraw and a suitable replacement not be found, the nominator will be required to pay for the cost of the unused place. The course is normally over-subscribed, and UKERC will select delegates by giving preference to those in the second year of a PhD, to provide an appropriate mix of specialist disciplines, and a balance of UK and non-UK based students.

Nominations

Nominations are now open until 1700hrs (5pm) GMT Thursday, 17 March 2011. For convenience we ask that the student completes the nomination form, but they will need to include your details as confirmation of endorsement.

The nomination form can be accessed from our website or by clicking on the link below.

https://www.regonline.co.uk/ukerc_summer_school_2011

Information

If you have further questions, please call us on +44 (0)207 594 1574 or email Angela Knight (angela.knight@ukerc.ac.uk).

Further information is available from the UK Energy Research Centre website at www.ukerc.ac.uk

Here is just a sample of what last year's students thought of the UKERC Summer School:

"Both master classes were fantastic and I found relevant to my research. Great opportunity for smaller scale discussions and initiating networking"

"Fantastic people to interact with - PhDs and leading academics"

"Excellent programme, to challenge leadership and communication skills or to build them. Great to network and learn from different cultures"

"Very worth it for the benefits PhD researchers can get from it!"

"The organisers are very warm-hearted and considerate. I appreciated having the chance to attend the UKERC summer school. Sweet memory! Thank you!"

"Brilliant! Thank you!"

"The course has widened my understanding and created useful networking potential for the future"

"It was a great opportunity to participate. I hope that the summer school is going to continue in such successful way for a long time in order to make it possible for other students to have a similarly rewarding experience. Thanks a lot!"

