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for Sustainable Innovation

2019 Undergraduate Summer Research Projects

1.	Reducing Emissions - Fuel Consumption Reduction Technologies for Pittsburgh Port Authority Buses
	Advisor: Matthew Barry, mechanical engineering & materials science

- 2. Silk-based flexible/wearable electronics: towards sustainable fabrication and materials engineering Advisor: Mostafa Bedewy, industrial engineering
- 3. Energy-efficient synthesis of carbon nanotubes by rapid thermal chemical vapor deposition Advisor: Mostafa Bedewy, industrial engineering
- **4.** Laser-induced graphene: towards understanding proximity effects in patterned graphitization of polymers *Advisor: Mostafa Bedewy, industrial engineering*
- **5. Developing energy audit features of smart phones** *Advisor: Mike Blackhurst, university center for urban and social research*
- 6. Validating citizen science tools used to identify lead water lines

 Advisor: Mike Blackhurst, university center for urban and social research
- Additively manufacturing layered structures and characterizing magnetocaloric properties of for high efficient magnetic refrigeration

Advisor: Markus Chmielus, mechanical engineering & materials science

- 8. Ni-Mn-Ga magnetic shape memory alloys for power generation applications Advisor: Markus Chmielus, mechanical engineering & materials science
- 9. Energy-efficient processors, sensors, and systems for space-based sensing and computing Advisor: Alan George, electrical & computer engineering
- **10.** Chemical semantics and its implications on environmental transport, fate, and toxicity *Advisors: Leanne Gilbertson and Carla Ng, civil & environmental engineering*
- **11.** The rise of diversity in academia: How did it emerge and how do we promote future growth in STEM fields? *Advisors: Leanne Gilbertson and Carla Ng, civil & environmental engineering*
- 12. Small & Mighty: Exploring nature to identify bacteria capable of degrading a new generation of environmental contaminants

Advisor: Sarah Haig, civil & environmental engineering

13. Structural Design with Bamboo

Advisor: Kent Harries, civil & environmental engineering

14. Capturing and storing energy from hurricane waves with a piezoelectric device

Advisor: Katherine Hornbostel, mechanical engineering & materials science

15. Capturing carbon dioxide from the ocean with a membrane device

Advisor: Katherine Hornbostel, mechanical engineering & materials science

16. Reducing frictional energy losses in transportation and industry: Surface coatings and the effect of surface roughness on friction

Advisor: Tevis Jacobs, mechanical engineering & materials science

17. Using acoustic sensors and machine learning to locate birds and bats in the field

Advisor: Justin Kitzes, Department of Biological Sciences

18. Durable Antireflective, Anti-Soiling and Self-Cleaning Solar Glass

Advisor: Paul Leu, industrial engineering

19. Simulating First Solar Cadmium Telluride Solar Cells

Advisor: Paul Leu, industrial engineering

20. New materials to enable radical electrification of the commodity chemical industry

Advisor: James McKone, chemical & petroleum engineering

21. Designing new ways to test the performance of large-scale battery technologies

Advisor: James McKone, chemical & petroleum engineering

22. Smarter Riversheds - real-time sensor networks

Advisor: David Sanchez, civil & environmental engineering

23. Recirculating Aquaculture – managing water quality in a closed system

Advisor: David Sanchez, civil & environmental engineering

24. Wind Prediction over Complex Terrain

Advisor: Inanc Senocak, mechanical engineering & materials science

25. Campus-Wide Sustainability Dashboard

Advisor: Aurora Sharrard, Director, University Office of Sustainability
Faculty collaborators: Drs. Melissa Bilec & Michael Blackhurst, plus interactions with Pitt Facilities Management

26. Increasing the Structural Resilience of Reinforced Concrete through Bio-Remediation

Advisor: Max Stephens, civil & environmental engineering

27. Making more with less: "Greening" the process industry via process intensification

Advisor: Goetz Veser, chemical & petroleum engineering

28. Going with a Bang: Cavitation reactors as highly efficient concept for production of specialty chemicals

Advisor: Goetz Veser, chemical & petroleum engineering

29. What the Frack: Designing nanocatalysts for responsible use of natural gas

Advisor: Goetz Veser, chemical & petroleum engineering

30. 3D printing of graded alloys for sustainability improvement in fossil fuel engineering

Advisor: Wei Xiong, mechanical engineering & materials science

31. Post-processing design on superalloys by additive manufacturing for NASA space technology missions.

Advisor: Wei Xiong, mechanical engineering & materials science

32. Graphene-based composite materials for high performance thermoelectric devices

Advisor: Minhee Yun, electrical and computer engineering

33. Developing a novel photopolymer based additive manufacturing machine (3D Printer) for high-resolution applications

Advisor: Xiayun Zhao, mechanical engineering & materials science

34. Real time measurement and control for directed energy deposition (DED) based metal additive manufacturing *Advisor: Xiayun Zhao, mechanical engineering & materials science*