



Guidelines for SCOPE Sponsors

Thank you for your interest in becoming a SCOPE sponsor. We greatly appreciate your support of Olin College. The specifics of the program and the learning experience for the student team are outlined on the SCOPE website, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the program with you. Here is some information about the responsibilities of the corporate sponsor and Olin College in order to put a SCOPE project in place.

Obligations of the SCOPE sponsor:

- Work with the SCOPE program to develop and generate a Project Statement for a suitable project.
- Appoint a liaison to coordinate with the SCOPE team. This individual should plan to be available for a scheduled weekly call with the student team, and occasional “emergency” calls.
- Provide specialized technical consultation, guidance, equipment and materials as needed to support the project.
- Sponsor liaison (and others are welcome) attends SCOPE Kick-Off Day (a Wednesday in mid-September) to meet the team, discuss the project, set a communication schedule, and provide the critical background information needed by the students to develop a project plan and begin work.
- Provide a sponsorship amount of \$55,000 to Olin College.

Olin College’s support of the SCOPE team includes:

- Each team is provided with a dedicated workspace and access to Olin facilities, shops, and technical experts.
- Each team is appointed a faculty advisor, who meets weekly with the team to offer guidance and identify any potential problems.
- Teams are required to present design reviews throughout the academic year. These are attended by the team’s faculty advisor, another SCOPE team (paired for the year), other faculty members, and frequently by an industry volunteer. Design reviews are an opportunity for the team to provide status updates on technical work, request advice on areas of difficulty, and outline next steps, as well as hone presentation skills. The reviewers offer advice, identify potential trouble spots, and provide feedback.
- In most cases, the SCOPE team visits their sponsor’s facility during the course of the program. The sponsorship fee includes one full-day visit (with one or two overnights for long-distance visits as approved by the SCOPE Director); if the sponsor requests longer or more frequent visits, these will be paid for by the sponsor.

Schedule for signing on as a SCOPE sponsor:

Please notify the SCOPE Business Development Director of your potential interest in the fall of the preceding academic year, if possible. In January and February, we begin to match proposed projects with the interests and skills of the following year’s senior class. While we are often able to accommodate a sponsor after March, it is variable depending on the number and types of projects proposed up to that point. Our goal is to have project outlines and Letters of Understanding signed between February 1st and May 1st for the coming September. The SCOPE program runs during the academic year, from September through May.

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Please refer to the SCOPE website for more information on the SCOPE program and videos/descriptions of previous and current projects. www.scope.olin.edu