Seattle U’s award-winning Project Center is ready to partner with your business. Assign a complex design problem to a team of senior-level engineering, environmental science, computer science or software engineering students. They’ll apply their theoretical knowledge, problem-solving abilities and considerable skill and deliver a solid solution.

YOUR PROJECT. YOUR TEAM.
Over the course of the academic year, your student team is responsible for almost everything you’d expect from a professional consultant. They handle project management, scheduling and budgeting — plus design and delivery of a prototype, software application or proof of concept. Your student team will dedicate nine months and over 1,000 hours to your project. They’ll consult with you every week and will present quarterly status updates in person.

Recent projects of note include an energy absorbing cabin partition for Boeing, a seismic retrofit of the historic Diablo Powerhouse for Seattle City Light, an employee task manager for Costco and Point Inside, and a wind-powered microgrid in Kenya. Not every project goes live — although many do — but all provide benefits to sponsors and students alike.

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A VALUABLE RECRUITING TOOL.
As the project sponsor, you will get a good look at individual students who are potentially future employees. You’ll watch them develop into subject matter experts in just a few months. And you’ll forge professional connections with Seattle U faculty, too. Past sponsors — including Coughlin Porter Lundeen, PACCAR and Ingersoll Rand — have hired students immediately upon graduation.

THE KEYS TO SUCCESS.
Your enthusiasm, professional guidance and time will help your team and your project succeed. As the sponsor, you’re responsible for providing a concise scope of work, company-specific information and technical guidance, just as you would give to a consultant. Plan to spend approximately one hour a week working with your team in person, by phone or Skype, or by email.

DOES THIS UNIQUE MODEL WORK?
Since 1987, sponsoring organizations have told us that it does. In fact, many sponsors return year after year.
The senior design sponsorship program at Seattle U is one that Ingersoll Rand grows from in regards to products and people development, and we are proud to sponsor teams at Seattle University. Ingersoll Rand has even hired one of our recently sponsored Seattle U students into Ingersoll Rand’s highly competitive Accelerated Development Program.

ERIC LENTZ
Global Engineering Operational Excellence Leader, Ingersoll Rand

The engineering design project provided an opportunity for me to expand and apply the technical knowledge and skills I had developed in my coursework, research and internships. Though our team faced many challenges, we discovered that we often learned new skills as we developed solutions.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When will my project begin and end? Projects start in late September and are completed by early June.

When will I meet my team? You’ll meet at the kick-off luncheon early in the fall quarter.

What is my time commitment? Plan to spend approximately one hour per week working with your student team.


What type of project works best? Choose a project that has potential for implementation or deployment but is not “mission critical.”

Is there a fee for sponsoring a project? Yes. Seattle University is a nonprofit private university, and the Project Center is self-supporting.

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