Reducing your campus carbon footprint starts here

By joining NYSERDA’s REV Campus Challenge, you join a network of New York State colleges and universities that pride themselves on their clean energy and sustainability efforts. REV Campus Challenge provides resources and financial assistance to get your campus’s clean energy projects in motion and inspire a new generation of young minds.

Join the Challenge.

It’s free. More than 130 higher education institutions throughout the State have joined REV Campus Challenge, earning in excess of 10 million in funding for a wide range of clean energy activities on their campuses. Will your school be next?

Why should I join?

No cost, no commitment, and no obligations. Becoming a member is a great way to achieve your campus’s clean energy goals, gain green credibility, and make your school more attractive to students.

Gain access to resources including:

- Member-exclusive funding opportunities such as the FlexTech Program. Receive dedicated assistance from NYSERDA staff to navigate other funding opportunities available to higher education.
- Recognition from NYSERDA for your clean energy progress.
- Connect with your peers at annual member events to share best practices, discuss upcoming opportunities, and shape the future of REV Campus Challenge.
- Opportunities to engage your broader campus community in clean energy efforts.
- Make your institution a more attractive choice for prospective students looking for a school that demonstrates commitment to addressing pressing environmental issues.
What program opportunities are available to me through REV Campus Challenge?

A variety of NYSERDA funding opportunities are available to higher education institutions to support your clean energy efforts.

**FlexTech (member-exclusive):** Covers 60% of costs for activities like energy audits, energy master plans, climate action plans, and indoor air quality studies. You’ll work with energy consultants to create customized assessments that identify site-specific opportunities for your campus to reduce energy use and utility costs.

**On-site Energy Manager:** Receive up to $200,000 to hire an on-site energy manager for your campus to identify and implement energy conservation measures—and get additional incentives if the energy savings identified enable you to keep the energy manager permanently.

**Workforce Training – Building Operations and Maintenance:** Receive up to $400,000 to support the implementation of an on-site training program for your facilities and operations staff to enhance their ability to manage buildings in accordance with energy management best practices.

**Real Time Energy Management (RTEM):** Receive up to $200,000 to fund systems, software, and support services to manage building energy performance in real time. Pre-qualified RTEM vendors tailor a solution to best meet your institution’s needs.

**Clean Heating and Cooling Screenings for Large Buildings:** Receive a free screening to assess the potential of installing clean, efficient alternatives to fuel for heating and cooling your buildings. Buildings must be 10,000 square feet or greater to be eligible.

**Commercial New Construction:** Offers technical and financial support for new or substantially renovated buildings. NYSERDA and consultants will work with your team to analyze efficiency opportunities. Additional support is available for deep energy savings, zero net energy, and projects that incorporate smart building technologies.

**Energy Storage Program:** Receive incentives to offset the capital costs associated with installing energy storage technologies.

**Charge Ready NY:** Receive a rebate of up to $4,000 for purchase of eligible electric vehicle charging stations installed by a NYSERDA-qualified service provider.

*Note: Some NYSERDA programs require payment by the institution into the electric Systems Benefits Charge (SBC).*

Ready to get started?

Learn more and join at nyserda.ny.gov/REV-Campus-Challenge

Submit questions or comments to REVCampusChallenge@nyserda.ny.gov

What are the requirements to become a REV Campus Challenge member?

The REV Campus Challenge strives to offer new opportunities to colleges and universities without the administrative burden.

The only requirement to maintain your membership is the completion of an annual survey. Through this survey you will be able to provide updates on progress toward your clean energy goals and let us know how we can continue to shape the Challenge to meet your evolving needs.

Additionally, in recognition of the diversity of the more than 200 colleges and universities in New York State, there are no predetermined goals or targets required as a condition of membership.