



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Clean Energy Fellowship Program for University Participants, 2026-2028

Sample Application



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Welcome

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Welcome: Clean Energy Fellowship Program for University Participants

Program Description

The Clean Energy Fellowship Program seeks to support student research in topics that further the development of clean energy in New Jersey. The Fellowship Program will offer two cohorts of the program during the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years (“CE Fellowship Year 1” and “CE Fellowship Year 2”, respectively). Participating universities will be responsible for selecting and overseeing student fellows’ research in clean energy industries, including solar, wind, geothermal, green hydrogen, fuel cells, biomass, tidal, nuclear, and hydropower.

Eligibility Information:

The program is open to research universities classified by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as R1 (Very High Research Activity) or R2 (High Research Activity) as of November 2025. These universities are: Rutgers University, Rowan University, Montclair State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Kean University, Princeton University, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Seton Hall University.

In addition, the university applicant must be in substantial good standing with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) and NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The applicant must also provide a current tax clearance certificate at the time of grant execution to verify that they are properly registered to do business in New Jersey and in good standing with the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

Are you a New Jersey university designated by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as R1 or R2 as of November 2025? titled *

Yes No

Language Assistance

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, los servicios de asistencia lingüística, gratuitos, están disponibles para usted enviando un correo electrónico a languagehelp@njeda.com.

إلكتروني إلى languagehelp@njeda.com كتبوه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجانية متاحة لك عبر إرسال بريد

注意: 如果您說粵語, 可以透過傳送電子郵件至 languagehelp@njeda.com 免費獲取語言協助服務。

注意: 如果您說普通話, 可以通过发送电子邮件至 languagehelp@njeda.com 免费获取语言协助服务。

ध्यान आपी: जी तमे गुजराती बोलता डीय ती, तमारा माटे languagehelp@njeda.com पर छ-मेछव करवाथी भाषा सहाय सेवाओ मइतामां उपलब्ध छै।

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं, तो languagehelp@njeda.com पर ईमेल द्वारा, आप के लिए निःशुल्क भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं।

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano, può usufruire gratuitamente di servizi di assistenza linguistica scrivendo all'indirizzo languagehelp@njeda.com

알림: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스가 무료로 이메일 languagehelp@njeda.com을 통해 제공됩니다.

UWAGA: Jeśli mówisz po polsku, możesz uzyskać pomoc tłumacza bezpłatnie wysyłając e-mail pod adres languagehelp@njeda.com.

ATENÇÃO: se você falar português, oferecemos serviços de apoio de idioma gratuitos. Envie um e-mail para languagehelp@njeda.com.

ATTENTION: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, magagamit mo ang libreng mga serbisyong tulong sa wika sa pamamagitan ng pag-email sa languagehelp@njeda.com.

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Language Access

Provide a “Yes/No” response to indicate whether English is your primary language or select “Prefer Not to Answer”.

Language Assistance

Is English your primary language? *

If English is not your primary language, free language assistance services are available.

If the NJEDA needs to contact you regarding your application, would you be interested in having an EDA provided interpreter in your native language? *

Please identify which of the following languages is your primary language: *

اللغة (Arabic)

粵語 (Cantonese Chinese)

廣東話 (Mandarin Chinese)

ગુજરાતી (Gujarati)

हिन्दी, (Hindi)

Italiano (Italian)

한국어 (Korean)

Po Polsku (Polish)

Português (Portuguese)

Tagalog

Other

If you are interested in using an interpreter provided by EDA, please indicate your primary language.

Primary Point of Contact

On this page we will collect contact information for the Primary Point of Contact for this application.

Please ensure that the email provided is the correct email for the primary point of contact on this application.

This email will be used for the fee correspondence and any other communications to the applicant team.

Primary Point of Contact

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Suffix

Title *

Email Address *

Confirm Email Address *

Phone Number *



REMINDER

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Authorized Representative*

If the primary point of contact is not an authorized representative, you will be asked to fill out the contact information for the authorized representative.

*This page will only be visible if the individual filling out the application is not the authorized representative.

Authorized Representative

This application includes company representations and certification and must be submitted by an individual who is legally authorized to sign documents on behalf of the applicant company.

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Suffix

Title *

Email Address *

Confirm Email Address *

Phone *

Chief Executive Officer/Owner/Equivalent*

Contact information is needed for the applicant's Chief Executive Officer/Owner/Equivalent. If the primary point of contact is not the Chief Executive Officer/Owner/Equivalent, this page will appear so you can enter this information.

*This page will only be visible if the individual filling out the application is not the CEO.

Chief Executive Officer/Owner/Equivalent

If the primary point of contact does not hold this role, please provide the contact information for the owner, CEO, or equivalent highest-ranking executive for the applicant company.

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Suffix

Title *

Email Address *

Confirm Email Address *

Phone

Consultant Information

While not required, some applicants may choose to utilize consultants for support on grant applications.

Are you, the applicant company, using a consultant to assist with this application?

IF YES, you will be asked to fill out the contact information for the consultant, including the question shown below, asking if the consultant is a registered governmental affairs agent.



Are you a Registered Governmental Affairs Agent? *

Yes No

Government Affairs Registration Number *

Consultant Information

While not required, we understand that some applicants may choose to utilize consultants for support. While the NJEDA will direct all communications to the primary point of contact, please also provide us with information about any consultants supporting you on this application.

Would you like to designate a consultant contact who is assisting with this application? *

Yes No

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Suffix

Company *

Title *

Email Address *

Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel designation is not mandatory, however, it is helpful for application and award purposes for NJEDA to have the basic contact information for your legal counsel, if you have one designated at the time of application.

Legal Counsel

If approved, NJEDA will utilize form contractual documents, such as an approval letter and a commitment agreement. Applicants will have limited opportunity to request non-standard modifications of the agreements. If you would like, please provide the contact information for the applicant company's legal counsel that will support on this project. This contact may be either internal or external counsel.

Would you like to designate a legal counsel contact? *

Yes No

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Suffix

Title *

Email Address *

Email Address Confirmed *

Phone *

Is the legal counsel contact a Registered Government Affairs Agent? *

Yes No

Government Affairs Registration Number *

Would you like the listed legal counsel contact to receive email communications from NJEDA about the status of your application? *

Yes No

Legal Counsel Address *

Address Line 1

Accountant*

Accountant Contact

NJEDA often works with an applicant's internal or external accountant to confirm information included in the application and support on project certification and ongoing compliance requirements. If you would like, please provide the contact information for the applicant's accountant that will support on this project.

Would you like to designate an accountant contact? *

Yes No

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Media Contact*

If the primary point of contact is not authorized to speak to the media on behalf of the applicant, you will be asked to fill out the contact information for the authorized media contact.

Media Contact

NJEDA often works with an applicant company's public relations or media relations representatives on press releases and press inquiries regarding approved projects. If you would like, please provide the contact information for the applicant company's media contact that will support on this project.

Would you like to designate a media contact? *

Yes No

Salutation

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

*This page will only be visible if the individual filling out the application is not authorized to speak to the media on behalf of the applicant organization.

Applicant Organization

In this section, we are collecting information about the registered business that is applying for this program.

This page will request applicant organization information including, but not limited to:

- [Legal Business Name](#)
- Entity Type
- Date Established
- Entity Formation Documents
 - Sole Proprietors should provide a [Certificate of Trade Name](#)
 - LLCs provide a [Certificate of Formation](#)
 - Corporations provide [Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws](#)
 - Nonprofits provide [Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws](#)
- Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN)
- NJ Tax Identification Number
- [NAICS Code](#)
- Short Organizational Description
- Organization Phone Number
- Organization Website
- [NJ Tax Clearance Certificate](#)

Applicant Organization

In this section, we are collecting information about the company that is applying for assistance. We are focused on the primary applicant only. We may collect information on affiliates, parent companies, holding companies, or other related entities in the following sections of the application.

Applicant Organization Name *

The full name of your registered legal entity. This name should match the name on your formation documents. If you are not sure of your legal entity name, please visit: <https://www.njportal.com/DOR/BusinessNameSearch/Search/BusinessName>

Applicant Doing Business As (DBA)

Entity Type *

Date Established *

Is the applicant, or any person who controls the applicant or owns or controls more than 1% of stock of the applicant, an officer or employee of any agency, authority or other instrumentality of the State of New Jersey? *

Yes No NA - Applicant Organization is Government Entity

Mailing Address *

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Applicant Country of Incorporation/Formation *

United States

Applicant State of Incorporation/Formation *

State

Formation Document(s)

Documentation to verify applicant entity's name – must provide company formation documents that relate to the entity applying (Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate of Trade Name (filed at county clerk's office-for sole proprietors))

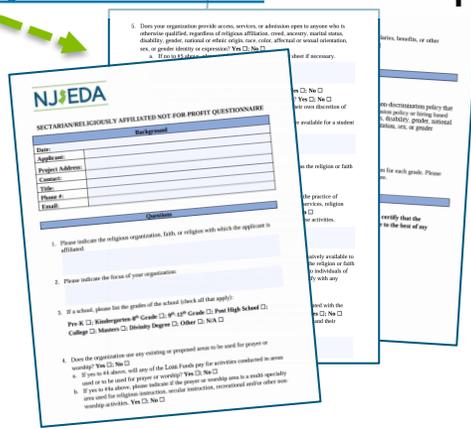
- Sole Proprietor: [Provide a Certificate of Trade Name](#) (filed with the County Clerk)
- LLC: [Certificate of Formation](#)
- Corporation: [Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws](#)
- Not-for-Profit: [Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws](#)
- Out of State: If your entity was formed out of state but operates within the State of NJ, you must file a Certificate of Authority when registering the business in NJ and provide that certificate.

or drag files here.

Applicant Organization

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If the applicant is involved in religious activities or is religiously affiliated, an additional [Religious Activity Questionnaire](#) will be required.



If the applicant organization (or any related entities) has previously received NJEDA, details of that funding is required to be included as part of the application.

Certification is also required that the applicant is not in default with any other State of New Jersey programs.

Applicant Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) *

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Applicant New Jersey Tax ID Number *

Numerical

Applicant Organization's Phone Number *

Please provide a high-level, 2-3 short paragraph description of the applicant company. This may include the type of business you are involved in, your company's mission statement, the markets or customer base the company serves, and any other information about your business that the NJEDA should understand to review your application. *

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code *

Numerical

Please be sure to use the same code that is listed on your most recent business tax filings. For help, please see the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) [U.S. Census Bureau website](#).

If the applicant organization has a Tax Clearance Certificate from the NJ Division of Taxation, please upload the information here.

Upload or drag files here.

Please note this is not required at the time of application, but will be required prior to approval.

Is the applicant involved in religious activities or is religiously affiliated? *

Yes No

Please note that this requires additional questions to determine eligibility of the requested financial assistance.

Religious Affiliation Form *

Upload or drag files here.

The NJEDA will need to collect additional information from you if your entity is involved in religious activities or is religiously affiliated. Please download the religious activity questionnaire form. [DOWNLOAD HERE](#).

Has the applicant, or any related parties, previously received NJEDA assistance? *

Yes No

Please describe the NJEDA assistance the applicant company previously received. Please be as specific as possible in detailing the programs through which you received NJEDA assistance, the facilities or projects associated with that assistance, the timeframes in which the assistance was provided, and the status of any awards or agreements. *

I certify that the firm is not in default with any other program administered by the State of New Jersey *

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Cannabis Questionnaire

New Jersey State law prohibits certain cannabis licensees and certified personal use cannabis handlers' employers from receiving or continuing to receive most financial incentive awards. Applicants will have to certify their status regarding cannabis licensing and handling.

Cannabis Questionnaire

Has the applicant applied for or been issued a license, including a conditional license, from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (NJ-CRC) to operate as a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service; or does the applicant employ or intend to employ, or is the applicant itself, a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service? *

Yes No

If the applicant is a property owner, developer, or operator of a project: is the property being used or intended for use, in whole or in part, (1) by or to benefit a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service, (2) to employ a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, (3) by a person or entity that has applied or intends to apply to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (NJ-CRC) for a license to operate as a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service or has applied for certification to be, or intends to employ, a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service? *

Yes No

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Activity Agreement

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If is selected, agrees to all the following activities:

A. Within 30 calendar days of signing a grant agreement with NJEDA, submit a Fellowship Administration Plan to NJEDA for CE Fellowship Years 1 and 2, using a template that will be provided by NJEDA, that details the university's process for:

- o Marketing the CE Fellowship Program to the university's student population in a way that raises awareness about the application process among a diverse range of students. Diversity in this instance can include, but is not limited to: gender, race, age, first generation college students, university major/degree, and other factors;
- o Conducting a selection process that facilitates the participation of a diverse set of students with a goal of prioritizing students from low-income households or overburdened communities;
- o Communicating all requirements for the fellows including attendance at NJEDA monthly meetings and presentation of their research at the Clean Energy Research Symposium
- o Connecting selected fellows with advisors;
- o Distributing funds to fellows and advisors throughout the CE Fellowship per the university's internal policies and procedures

B. Within 15 (fifteen) calendar days of completing the selection process for each CE Fellowship Year, and no later than October 30, 2026 for CE Fellowship Year 1 and October 30, 2027 for CE Fellowship Year 2, submit the following to EDA:

- o Details of all fellows, including but not limited to name, email address, degree program, undergraduate or graduate level, project title and description, faculty advisor, faculty advisor email, beginning and end date for the CE Fellowship (i.e. including whether the CE Fellowship includes a Summer semester or not), and short fellow biographies
- o Signed participation forms developed by each respective university and completed by each fellow and their faculty advisor who will guide and support the fellow's research
- o Signed photo release forms from each fellow using a template provided by NJEDA and headshots of the fellows, unless a fellow provides written communication that they will not allow the use of their picture on NJEDA public platforms
- o Name of a university representative that will serve as the administrative point of contact for NJEDA for the duration of the CE Fellowship Program

C. Track and report CE Fellowship Program applicant throughput data to NJEDA that details the number of students that engaged in each of the university's respective selection steps (e.g. attending a webinar, completing an application, participating in an interview, etc.) in a Post Selection Data Sheet to be submitted by the university in a template approved by NJEDA.

D. Provide NJEDA, if requested, copies of any collateral used to promote the CE Fellowship Program, application/interview questions and presentations utilized during the selection process, and other relevant materials developed by the university for the CE Fellowship Program.

E. While not required, aim to select at least one (1) undergraduate and one (1) graduate fellow. The remaining Fellowship slots can comprise either undergraduate or graduate fellows.

F. For each CE Fellowship Year, set research fellowships for a duration no fewer than 24 weeks and no more than 52 weeks over one academic year. For CE Fellowship Year 1, the CE Fellowship Program must begin no later than the Fall 2026 semester and end no later than the Summer 2027 semester. For CE Fellowship Year 2, the CE Fellowship Program must begin no later than the Fall 2027 semester and end no later than the Summer 2028 semester, with the addition of Summer 2027 and 2028 at each university's discretion. The number of hours/week shall be determined by the university and/or the faculty advisor per each university's internal processes and procedures.

G. Facilitate and support all communications among university faculty advisors, fellows, and NJEDA

H. Facilitate and encourage fellows' participation in CE Fellowship cohort meetings and the Clean Energy Research Symposium organized by NJEDA.

I. Coordinate and facilitate all logo use, branding permissions, and other university approvals and sharing of information as need arises.

J. Ensure all funds go to eligible uses including the full amount of the fellows' stipends to the fellows.

K. Disburse fellow stipends and faculty honorariums per the university's internal policies and procedures.

L. Meet with NJEDA twice a year to discuss progress of CE Fellowship Program for CE Fellowship Years 1 and 2

M. Track use of all funds using a budget template provided by NJEDA and submit an interim report by January 30, 2027 and a final report by September 30, 2027 for CE Fellowship Year 1.

N. Track all use of funds using budget template provided by NEDA and submit an interim report by January 30, 2028 and a final report by September 30, 2028 for CE Fellowship Year 2.

O. Any funds received for CE Fellowship Years 1 and 2 that are not utilized should be returned to EDA by October 30, 2027 for CE Fellowship Year 1 and October 30, 2028 for CE Fellowship Year 2.

P. Each university must appropriately determine and guide fellows on meeting any federal and state tax liabilities from the stipend payments, as per its internal policies and procedures.

Do you agree with these terms? *

Diversity Equity and Inclusion

In this section, we would like more information about the diversity of your organization.

Answers have no impact on eligibility for assistance and providing information is optional, to be used for tracking purposes only.

Within each of these questions, "Prefer not to answer" can be selected if that is the case OR if the question is not applicable to your organization.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

In this section, we would like more information about the diversity of your organization. Answers have no impact on eligibility for assistance and providing information is optional, to be used for tracking purposes only. Within each of these questions, "Prefer not to answer" can be selected if that is the case OR if the question is not applicable to your organization.

With which of the following does the majority owner of the applicant organization self-identify (if applicable)? *

- Minority
- Woman
- Veteran
- LGBTQ
- Disabled
- None of the above
- Prefer not to answer

Please select which of the following State of New Jersey certifications the applicant organization currently holds: *

- Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VOB)
- Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (DVOB)
- None of the above
- Prefer not to answer

Additional DE&I Information

In this section, we would like more information about any actions your organization has taken or is taking with respect to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Please describe whether your organization's leadership team is made up of a diverse group of individuals. Please provide as much detail as possible about the composition of your leadership team as it relates to groups that have been historically underrepresented (minority, woman, veteran, LGBTQ, disabled). *

Applicant Representative for Certifications

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority requires that the Legal Questionnaire, Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Pursuant to P.L. 2022, C. 3, Acknowledgments of Applicant, and Certification of Applicant, are to be completed and signed by one of the following:

- by applicant's General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer (recommended); or
- for a corporation: a principal executive officer at least the level of vice president;
- for a partnership: a general partner;
- for a sole proprietorship: the proprietor;
- for a governmental entity: the contact person (business administrator, manager, mayor, etc.);
- for other than above: the person with legal responsibility for the application.

If you are not an Authorized Representative you will be prompted to Upload the Certifications page, which will require you to download and then upload signed copies of the acknowledgments and certifications listed above.

If you are an Authorized Representative, you will be prompted to fill out these pages throughout the application.

Applicant Representation

Is the individual filling out this application employed by the organization that is applying for the program? *

Yes

Is the individual filling out this application one of the following:

- by applicant's General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer (recommended); or
- for a corporation: a principal executive officer at least the level of vice president;
- for a partnership: a general partner;
- for a sole proprietorship: the proprietor;
- for a governmental entity: the contact person (business administrator, manager, mayor, etc.);
- for other than above: the person with legal responsibility for the application.

Yes

Please indicate which of the following best describes the individual filling out this application? *

- Applicant's General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer (recommended); or
- Principal Executive Officer at or above the minimum level of Vice President
- General Partner
- Sole Proprietor
- Person with Legal Responsibility for the Application
- Contact for a Government Entity
- None of the Above

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Legal Questionnaire*

In this section, applicants are required to answer background question pertaining to any causes that may lead to debarment, disqualification, or suspension from eligibility.

Additionally, applicants are required to identify any "affiliate" entities. There are two main types of Affiliates:

First, applicants must identify any individuals or entities that hold a 30% or more ownership in the applicant.

Second, applicants must identify any individual or entity where the applicant holds a 30% or more interest, and are either named in the application and/or agreement, or will receive a direct benefit from the financing, incentive, or other agreement with NJEDA.

Applicants should take their time and make sure to read this section carefully.

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Legal Questionnaire

Please note "Applicant" includes individuals and all types of entities applying for and receiving NJEDA financial assistance, incentives or contracts, including but not limited to: for profit businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities, counties, colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning.

Persons (entities or individuals) applying for NJEDA programs are subject to the Authority's Disqualification/Debarment Regulations (the "Regulations"), which are set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:30-2.1, et seq. Applicants are required to answer the following background questions ("Legal Questionnaire") pertaining to causes that may lead to debarment, disqualification, or suspension from eligibility under the Regulations and Executive Orders 34 (Byrne 1976) and 189 (Kean 1988) after consideration of all relevant mitigating factors.

DEFINITIONS

Notwithstanding any terms defined elsewhere or otherwise herein, the following definitions shall govern in responding to this Legal Questionnaire:

"Affiliates" means any entities or persons having an overt or covert relationship such that any one of them directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control another. This includes (however is not limited to):

- entities or persons having an ownership interest in the applicant of 30% or greater;
- entities in which an applicant holds an ownership interest of 30% or greater and are either named in the application and/or agreement or will receive a direct benefit from the financing, incentive or other agreement with NJEDA; and
- other entities that are named in the application and/or agreement, or that will receive a direct benefit from the financing, incentive, or other agreement with NJEDA.

"Legal Proceedings" means any civil, criminal, or administrative or regulatory proceedings in a State or Federal court or administrative tribunal in the United States or any territories thereof.

RELEVANT AFFILIATES

In accordance with the above, please identify any individuals or entities that hold a 30% or more ownership in the applicant:

Are there any individuals or entities that hold a 30% or more ownership interest in the applicant? *

Applicant-Owned Affiliates

In accordance with the above, please identify any entities in which the applicant holds a 30% or more interest, and are either named in the application and/or agreement, or will receive a direct benefit from the financing, incentive, or other agreement with NJEDA.

+ Add Applicant-Owned Affiliate

Other Affiliates

In accordance with the above, please identify any other entities not already identified that are either named in the application and/or agreement, or that will receive a direct benefit from the financing, incentive, or other agreement with NJEDA:

+ Add Other Affiliate

Legal Questionnaire (Continued)

There are several specific questions regarding the **past proceedings** of an applicant.

It is essential that applicants take their time, reading this section carefully, while keeping in mind the corresponding "look-back" periods for civil, criminal, environmental, and other legal matters.

RELEVANT TIMEFRAMES

Responses should be given based on the following "look-back" periods:

- For civil matters, those that were either pending or concluded within 5 years of the reporting date;
- For criminal matters, those that were either pending or concluded within 10 years of the reporting date;
- For environmental regulatory matters, those that were either pending or concluded within 10 years of the reporting date; and
- For all other regulatory matters, those that were either pending or concluded within 5 years of the reporting date.

Note that in cases where Applicant has previously submitted and certified a legal questionnaire to the Authority, the Applicant may refer to its prior legal questionnaire and report only those matters that are new or have changed in status since the date of last reporting.

Part A. Past Proceedings

Has Applicant, or any identified Affiliates of Applicant, been found or conceded or admitted to being guilty, liable or responsible in any Legal Proceeding, or conceded or admitted to facts in any Legal Proceedings that demonstrate responsibility for any of the following violations or conduct? (Any civil or criminal decisions or verdicts that have been vacated or expunged need not be reported.)

1. Commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract, or subcontract there under, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract. *
2. Violation of the Federal Organized Crime Control Act of 1970, or commission of embezzlement, theft, fraud, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, perjury, false swearing, receiving stolen property, obstruction of justice, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or honesty. *
3. Violation of the Federal or State antitrust statutes, or of the Federal Anti-Kickback Act (18 U.S.C.874). *
4. Violation of any law governing the conduct of elections of the Federal Government, State of New Jersey or of its political subdivision. *
5. Violation of the "Law Against Discrimination" (P.L. 1945, c169, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq., as supplemented by P.L. 1975, c127), or of the act banning discrimination in public works employment (N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 et seq.) or of the act prohibiting discrimination by industries engaged in defense work in the employment of persons therein (P.L. 1942, c114, N.J.S.A. 10:1-10, et seq.). *
6. To the best of your knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, violation of any laws governing hours of labor, minimum wage standards, prevailing wage standards, discrimination in wages, or child labor. *
7. To the best of your knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, violation of any law governing the conduct of occupations or professions of regulated industries. *
8. Debarment by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the State or Federal government. *
9. Violation of the Conflict of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., including any of the following prohibitions on vendor activities representing a conflict of interest, or failure to report a solicitation as set forth below:
 - (i) No person shall pay, offer or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(b) and (e), with which such person transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(i), of any such officer or employee, or partnership, firm, or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(g).
 - (ii) The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee from any person shall be reported in writing by the person to the Attorney General and the NJEDA Ethics Liaison Officer.

(iii) No person may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such person to, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to the Authority, or with any person, firm or entity with which he or she is employed or associated or in which he or she has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(g). Any relationships subject to this subsection shall be reported in writing to the NJEDA Ethics Liaison Officer and the State Ethics Commission, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actually or appearance of a conflict of interest.

(iv) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee in his or her capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of the officer or employee.

(v) No person shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the person or any other person.

10. Violation of any State or Federal law that may bear upon a lack of responsibility or moral integrity, or that may provide other compelling reasons for disqualification. Your responses to the foregoing question should include, but not be limited to, the violation of the following laws, without regard to whether there was any monetary award, damages, verdict, assessment or penalty, except that any violation of any environmental law in category (v) below need not be reported where the monetary award, damages, etc. amounted to less than \$1 million.

- (i) Laws banning or prohibiting discrimination or harassment in the workplace.
- (ii) Laws prohibiting or banning any form of forced, slave, or compulsory labor.
- (iii) The New Jersey Conscientious Employee Protection Act, N. J. Stat. Ann. § 34:19-1 et seq., or other "Whistleblower Laws" that protect employees from retaliation for disclosing, or threatening to disclose, to a supervisor or to a public body an activity, policy or practice of the employer, that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule or regulation issued under the law.
- (iv) Securities or tax laws resulting in a finding of fraud or fraudulent conduct.
- (v) Environmental laws, where the monetary award, penalties, damages, etc. amounted to more than \$1 million.
- (vi) Laws banning anti-competitive dumping of goods.
- (vii) Anti-terrorist laws.
- (ix) Criminal laws involving commission of any felony or indictable offense under State or Federal law.
- (x) Laws banning human rights abuses.
- (xi) Laws banning the trade of goods or services to enemies of the United States.

Part B. Pending Proceedings

11. To the best of your knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, are Applicant, or any identified Affiliates, a party to pending Legal Proceedings wherein any of the offenses or violations described in questions 1-10 above are alleged or asserted against such entity or person? With respect to laws banning or prohibiting discrimination or harassment in the workplace, please provide only information pertaining to any class action lawsuits or individual lawsuits alleging violations under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. *

If the answer to any of the foregoing questions is affirmative, you must provide the following information as an attachment to the application: (i) the case name and court/administrative agency (including jurisdiction and venue) in which such matters were tried or are pending; (ii) the charges or claims adjudicated or alleged; and (iii) status of the matter (e.g. Pending Dismissed following Settlement, Dismissed following Motion, etc.).

Please Note: An Applicant may refer to or attach specific provisions of a 10-K/Q or other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, the Applicant should be aware that different laws apply to disclosures to the Authority. This means that the Authority does not have the same types of materiality thresholds as the SEC. The Applicant is expected to supplement its SEC filings to ensure that all relevant matters are disclosed to the Authority, including any matters that were below the SEC's materiality threshold and any matters that may have occurred after its most recent filing.

Please Note: Eligibility is determined based on the information presented in the completed Application. If, at any time while engaged with the Authority the Applicant should become aware of any facts that materially alter or change its answers or that render any of them incomplete or inaccurate, the Applicant has a duty to promptly report such facts to the Authority in writing. The Authority reserves the right to require additional clarifying or explanatory information from the Applicant regarding the answers given, to ask additional questions not contained in this Legal Questionnaire, and to perform its own due diligence investigations and searches.

Certification of Legal Questionnaire and Authorization to Release Information

This certification shall be signed as follows:

- by applicant's General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer (recommended); or
- for a corporation, by a principal executive officer at least the level of vice president;
- for a partnership, by a general partner;
- for a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor;
- for a governmental entity, by the contact person (business administrator, manager, mayor, etc.);
- for other than above, by the person with legal responsibility for the application.

I hereby represent and certify that I have reviewed the information contained in this Legal Questionnaire, and that the foregoing information is true and complete under penalty of perjury. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment. I further agree to inform the New Jersey Economic Development Authority of any changes in the foregoing information which may occur prior to execution of any agreement with the Authority, and so long as any such agreement is in effect. Failure to disclose relevant matters may render the Applicant ineligible for the financial benefits sought and may subject the Applicant to disqualification, debarment, suspension or referral to the office of the state's Attorney General.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Applicant, understands and acknowledges that information and documents provided to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority: (1) are subject to public disclosure during deliberations of the Authority at public meetings regarding the application and as set forth in the minutes of the Authority's public meetings; and (2) are subject to public disclosure under certain laws, including, but not limited to, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47A:1-1 et seq., and the common law right-to-know.

Electronic Signatures

Pursuant to written policy, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority allows documents to be signed electronically and hereby agrees to be bound by such electronic signatures. Please confirm that you, as a signatory to this document, also agree to be bound by electronic signatures.

Legal Questionnaire Electronic Signature *

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Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus*

As is required in N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([P.L. 2022, c.3](#)), this section we will be collecting the Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus and ensuring that the applicant is not listed on the [Office of Foreign Assets Control \(OFAC\) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List](#).

*This page will only be visible if the individual filling out the application is the authorized representative.

Certification of Non-Involvement in Activities in Russia or Belarus

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([P.L. 2022, c.3](#)) any person or entity (hereinafter 'Applicant') that seeks to be approved for or continue to receive an economic development subsidy from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Applicant is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the New Jersey Economic Development Authority finds that an Applicant has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

Certification

I, the undersigned, have read and reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify (must check one appropriate box and complete the Authorized Signature section below):

- A. That the Applicant is not identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus and is not engaged in activities related to Russia or Belarus. OR
- B. That I am unable to certify as to "A" above because the Applicant is identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus. OR
- C. That I am unable to certify as to "A" or "B" above because the Applicant, though identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus, is engaged in activities in Russia or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed, accurate and precise description of how the Applicant's activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below, including a copy of the license or listing the exemption.

Authorized Signature

I understand that if the above statements are willfully false, I shall be subject to penalty.

Application Confirmation*

On this page, applicants will affirm the accuracy and truthfulness of the application information provided.

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Application Certifications

PLEASE NOTE:

Eligibility of financial assistance by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority is determined by the information presented in this application and the required attachments and schedules. Any changes in the status of the proposed project from the facts presented herein could disqualify the project. Only Board Members of the governing board of the particular program for which you are applying, by resolution, may take action to determine project eligibility and to authorize the issuance of funds.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY SWORN UPON MY OATH SAY:

I affirm, represent, and warrant that the information contained in this application and in all associated attachments submitted herewith is to the best of my knowledge true and complete and that the funding applied for herein is not for personal, family, or household purposes. *

I understand that if such information is willfully false, I am subject to criminal prosecution under N.J.S.A. 2C:28-2 and civil action by the NJEDA which may at its option terminate its financial assistance. *

I authorize the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety to verify any answer(s) contained herein through a search of its records, or records to which it has access, and to release the results of said research to the NJEDA. *

I authorize the NJEDA to provide information submitted to it by or on behalf of the applicant to any bank or State agency which might participate in the requested financing with the NJEDA. *

I certify my understanding that an electronic signature of this Application and any Approval Letter or Agreement shall be a binding on the parties. *

Upload Certifications

If the individual filling out the application is not an authorized representative, this page will appear so that the certifications listed below can be downloaded, completed by and authorized representative, and then uploaded as part of the application.

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[Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Pursuant to P.L. 2022, C. 3](#)

[Application Confirmation](#)

Upload Certifications

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority requires that the following information be completed and signed by one of the following:

- by applicant's General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer (recommended); or
- for a corporation, by a principal executive officer at least the level of vice president;
- for a partnership, by a general partner;
- for a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor;
- for a governmental entity, by the contact person (business administrator, manager, mayor, etc.);
- for other than above, by the person with legal responsibility for the application.

Because you have identified that you are not one of the individuals listed above, it is required that you download each of the forms listed below and have someone who meets this definition for the applicant company fill out and sign each of the forms. Once the forms have been completed and signed, please attach them at the end of this application, along with any other necessary application attachments.

Your application for assistance will not be reviewed until the NJEDA has each of the signed forms from someone who is legally authorized to make these representations on behalf of the applicant company.

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Application Confirmations *

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Electronic Signature

Applicants must agree to the terms and digitally sign their application.

Electronic Signature

Pursuant to written policy, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority allows documents to be signed electronically and hereby agrees to be bound by such electronic signatures. Please confirm that you, as a signatory to this document, also agree to be bound by electronic signatures.

I agree to be bound by electronic signatures

Full Name *

Title *

Signature * **Date ***

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Application Submission

Applicants are provided with a field to upload any remaining relevant materials and asked for a final confirmation of their application submission.

Application Submission

Thank you for your interest in the Clean Energy Fellowship Program for University Participants, 2026-2028. Your application is now complete.

If you are ready to submit this application to the NJEDA for review, please click the Submit button.

If you would like to make any changes to the application at this point, please click the Back button.

If there is any additional supporting documentation that you would like to provide, please use the upload button below.

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Full Name *

Title *

Date *

1/26/2026

Application Submission

After successful submission, you will see the confirmation page, which will list the Applicant's application confirmation number.

You will also receive a confirmation and copy of your application to the email address provided for the Primary Point of Contact. All future application communication will be sent to that email address.

You can download a PDF copy of your application from this page. This is the same file that will be sent by email.

Thank you [Name] for completing the Clean Energy Fellowship Program for University Participants, 2026-2028

Your confirmation code is:

Any communications on the status of your application will be sent to: steven.mutchiga@njeda.gov

For questions regarding your application, please reach out to CleanEnergyFellowship@njeda.gov.

To learn about other NJEDA programs, visit njeda.gov.

Thank You,
NJEDA



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