

## Center for Biofilm Engineering at Montana State University–Bozeman Industrial Associates Program Benefits

The CBE Industrial Associates Program provides support to help fund industrially relevant research and allows close interaction between industry representatives and CBE researchers and students. Some specific benefits of membership in this program are detailed below.



### CBE Technical Advisory Conferences

Twice each year, CBE members convene in Bozeman for a Technical Advisory Conference (TAC)—an exposition of what's new in CBE research and a review of what's happening around the world in biofilm science. The TAC is a great way to keep up on the science as well as to interact with other industry and government representatives and CBE researchers. Meetings are open only to CBE members and invited guests.



### Education and Training Workshops

CBE members are entitled to attend either basic or advanced biofilm methods workshops free of charge. Workshops are held the day before TAC meetings in both summer and winter, and feature the latest techniques in growing and assessing biofilms. In addition, the CBE offers specialty workshops (either in our laboratory or at your facility), tailored to your individual company needs. These can range from covering the latest microscopy techniques for your R/D department to assisting the education of your sales force in general biofilm understanding.

### Research/Testing Projects

CBE members can fund research and testing projects at a discounted rate. Advantages of directly funding project work at the CBE include complete confidentiality, negotiable intellectual property, and project direction by scientists and engineers at the top of biofilm investigation. In addition, the CBE offers Industrial Associate members no-cost participation in undergraduate research projects of their choosing. This is an opportunity to have a top-notch student work on a problem specific to your needs, at no additional cost.

### Product/IP Development Consulting

CBE faculty and staff can assist members in evaluating commercial or product-related ideas as they relate to biofilms or biofilm control. Each member company is entitled to two free days of consulting annually. We can offer confidential feedback on R/D direction, marketing ideas or strategic decisions. Many of our members have found that this benefit alone is worth the annual membership fee.



### Regulatory Interactions

Bringing a product to market today frequently requires registration with, or approval of, a regulatory agency. CBE staff maintain close ties with decision makers at FDA, EPA, and

### For More Information

To see if membership is a good fit for your company, please contact Paul Sturman, CBE Industrial Coordinator, at (406) 994-2102, or via email at [paul\\_stu@erc.montana.edu](mailto:paul_stu@erc.montana.edu). Or visit us on the web at [www.erc.montana.edu](http://www.erc.montana.edu).



other US Government agencies concerned with biofilms. CBE scientists are on the forefront of biofilm methods development and assessment—areas of expertise frequently sought out by the regulatory community. In addition, it's our policy to feature regulatory agency speakers at our TAC meetings whenever possible. If you are seeking insight into the process of registration or approval, the CBE can help.