Business student named Department of Energy ambassador

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Alexis Vrotsos of Aspen, Colo., a graduate student in the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University, has been selected to serve as a Department of Energy Student Ambassador for the 2012-13 academic year.



As an Energy Student Ambassador, Alexis Vrotsos conducts presentations and workshops at Tulane and collaborates with career services representatives and faculty members. (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

Vrotsos, who is pursuing a master of business administration and master of management in energy, serves as an on-campus resource for DOE job and internship information, providing “insider” tips on where to find and how to land DOE positions. Vrotsos is hard at work, conducting presentations and workshops at Tulane and collaborating with career services representatives and faculty members.

The Energy Student Ambassadors program is part of the Department of Energy’s efforts to expand its presence on U.S. college and university campuses and connect student job seekers with DOE job and internship opportunities. This year, seven students representing schools nationwide were selected from a competitive group of applicants.

The DOE is looking to fill jobs in a wide range of mission-critical occupations including engineers, mathematicians, statisticians, economists, accountants, physical scientists and analysts.

Despite the array of opportunities, many federal agencies have trouble attracting students because of a lack of knowledge about job opportunities and how to apply for them.

“The Energy Student Ambassadors program is a win-win for DOE and student job seekers looking to make a difference,” said Tim McManus, vice president for education and outreach at the Partnership for Public Service.

To be eligible for the program, students must complete an internship at DOE or in an energy-related field. This year’s ambassadors interned at the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, among others.

The Energy Student Ambassadors program is conducted in collaboration with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. It is part of the Federal Student Ambassadors program within the Partnership for Public Service.