**MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN ENERGY CENTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CLEAN ENERGY & WATER INNOVATION**

FAQs

**What is the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center?**

The [Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](http://www.masscec.com/) (MassCEC) is a state economic development agency dedicated to accelerating the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in Massachusetts—while creating high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth for the people of Massachusetts.

MassCEC provides early-stage investments to startup companies, funds renewable energy rebates for residents and businesses and supports the development of a local clean energy workforce. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers.

**What is a “water technology” company?**

Water technology companies are defined as technology-driven companies involved in the development, manufacturing, distribution or use of innovative water technology equipment or systems. For the purposes of the scholarships, MassCEC seeks to support water innovation technologies that address significant, persistent water quality challenges such as those in storm water management, water quality (e.g. nutrient remediation) and wastewater treatment technologies.

**Is the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Scholarship available for startups from every location?**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Scholarship for Clean Energy & Water Innovation is only available for Massachusetts-based startups.

**Are there specific technologies that are not eligible?**

Any technologies related to coal, oil, nuclear and natural gas (except where used in fuel cells or nuclear power) are not eligible.

**What are some examples of clean energy or energy efficient sectors that are eligible to apply?**

Prioritized technologies, based on MassCEC’s current focus, include energy storage, microgrids, clean grid edge technologies, clean transportation and offshore wind.

Other eligible technologies are

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| * Advanced hydropower | * Gasification & conversion to liquids fuels |
| * Advanced thermal-to-energy conversion | * Geothermal |
| * Biofuels (ethanol, biodiesel & advanced biofuels) | * Green building materials |
| * Carbon capture and sequestration | * Hydrogen |
| * Demand-side management | * Industrial energy efficiency |
| * Energy monitoring | * Renewable, biodegradable chemicals |
| * Energy storage for automotive applications | * Solar photovoltaic |
| * Energy storage for grid applications | * Solar thermal |
| * Energy-efficient lighting | * Wave and tidal energy |
| * Fuel cells | * Wind power |

**I’m still confused! Can you help?**

Of course! Please e-mail [apply@masschallenge.org](mailto:apply@masschallenge.org) and we’ll be happy to answer any questions you may have.