

The externship program is a research opportunity allowing graduate students to spend a semester (or summer) at a partnering New Mexico university, research facility, or industry partner. Nine graduate students, four individuals plus a team of five students, participated in the Year 5 externship program from the Solar and Bioalgal research components. The externships involved students from UNM, NMSU, and NMT, who visited SFCC, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the New Mexico Consortium, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The New Mexico Consortium externship resulted in Taylor Britton (UNM) receiving funding for the remainder of his PhD.

TOP: Hanqing Pan in the lab with lasers at the Solar Research Facility at NREL; MIDDLE: Taylor Britton at the New Mexico Consortium; BOTTOM: Meshack Audu (2nd from right) with his summer research team at SFCC