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Dear Engineering Leader,

We are writing to introduce a new program at Rensselaer, which we believe will be an opportunity for your organization.

The Summer Arch Program is an Institute-wide initiative, which commenced in the Summer of 2017 on an optional basis, and which is now required for all sophomores (who do not otherwise qualify for an exemption) in the Summer of 2019.

In the new Arch program, students remain on campus for the summer after their sophomore year having taken our 4 Intro. courses (Structures, Geotechnical, Transportation and Environmental) before taking junior-level classes such as Applied Hydrology and Hydraulics. Civil & Environmental Engineering students leave the Troy campus during the following Fall for a “semester away” to pursue co-ops, internships, civic engagement, research, or international experiences.

In addition to coursework, first-and second-year students are prepared for their semester away through professional development workshops that promote time management skills; career planning & decision making skills; career & major exploration; job search techniques; resume & cover letter writing and career correspondence; social networking; values clarification; and understanding of the global economy.

We are seeking partnerships with leading firms, government organization, and NGOs to offer enriching pre-professional experiences in Fall 2019 and beyond. It is our hope and expectation that the new Arch program will provide mutually beneficial opportunities for our students and for your organization.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information shown in the signature block.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Letchford".

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