

Capstone Sponsor Agreement

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Thank you for your support as a sponsor of the Capstone Program in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Brigham Young University - Idaho. We look forward to working with you this year.

As a Capstone sponsor, *you retain ownership rights to all products, processes, technologies, and other intellectual property developed by students as a result of their work on your project.* Upon written request (prior to the end of the semester in which the project is conducted), students and faculty associated with your team will sign a standard form BYU – Idaho "Assignment of Ownership and Non-disclosure Agreement". We will make reasonable efforts to protect any confidential or proprietary information you or a third party collaborator provide to the team for the duration of the project. However, students and faculty will be allowed to freely discuss and present, within the university, all information associated with the project as part of the normal educational activities in the Program.

Your educational grant of \$2,000 for each project helps to support the Capstone Program at BYU-Idaho. The student team assigned to your project will have access to up to \$1000 of the educational grant to use in completing the project (including building prototypes, etc.) The remaining portion of the educational grant is used as needed within the department to support the Capstone Program and the prerequisite design courses. If your project requires the Capstone team to travel outside of the state of Idaho, we will ask you to approve and pay for those travel costs. In addition, if the hardware and other costs for each project exceed \$1,000, we will ask you to approve and pay for those additional costs.

Faculty and students will have the right to publish and present information concerning the project in formats such as class discussions, electronic portfolios, and presentations. External publication of project information (such as on a Capstone web page) can be delayed for up to one year beyond the end of the semester upon written request from the sponsor.

The Capstone Program is an educational program designed to help students learn the practice of engineering. Because students are responsible for the work on the project, we can only provide the work of the BYU-Idaho faculty and students "as is." Students are not considered agents or employees of BYU-Idaho. *BYU-Idaho makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the condition, accuracy, originality, merchantability, or fitness for purpose of any products, processes or intellectual property developed in the program.*

As a Capstone sponsor you agree to release and to indemnify BYU-Idaho, its faculty, students, and agents from any claims arising out of the originality, design, manufacture, or use of any of the products, processes, technologies, or intellectual property generated as a result of the project, unless such claims arise out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of BYU-Idaho, its faculty, students, or agents. *You agree that BYU-Idaho will not be liable for incidental or consequential damages or for lost profits resulting from a breach of this agreement, even if advised of the possibility of such damages, and that your exclusive remedy against BYU-Idaho for any claim you may have against BYU-Idaho relating to the Capstone Program will be limited to the amount of the educational grant funding the project.*

The Department of Mechanical Engineering and BYU-Idaho thank you again for your participation in and support of the Capstone Program, and look forward to working with you in this educational effort.

Greg Roach, Chair
Department of Mechanical Engineering

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