



VISITING RESEARCHER PROGRAM

The Institute serves as a host/mentor for **Visiting Researchers** from governments, national energy companies and research institutions who are interested in a short-term residence in the U.S. in order to study energy markets, industry organization and policy/regulatory issues and approaches. This program facilitates the exchange of information and knowledge, enhances cultural exchange between visitors, corporate organizations, and university personnel and contributes to the growing body of research at the Institute and elsewhere on market-based energy development and related topics.

The following conditions apply. Contact the Institute for more details.

- The visiting researcher must apply to the Institute directly, through a department or college at UH, or be recommended by an Institute **Corporate Underwriter**.
- The visitor must satisfy all U.S. rules and regulations for short-term residence.
- The Institute can only house one to two researchers at any point in time.
- Support from the Institute includes computer and research resources and limited assistance with visa and residency arrangements. Visitors also have access to UH library resources and curricula, as well as opportunities to interact with Institute Corporate Underwriters, Advisory Board, Senior Associates and collaborating faculty, staff and students.
- It is preferable that the researcher have some support from his/her sponsoring organization. The Institute can provide limited support in certain circumstances through annual corporate underwriting.
- The research projects undertaken should follow these guidelines in some combination.
 - They should focus on policies or strategies for successful commercial development.
 - They should address on the role of government, the business/government interface, or corporate strategies and management responses.
 - They should be generally oriented toward upstream oil and gas development, pipelines, gas and electricity distribution, electric power development.
- Research products will be published as Institute white papers in collaboration with UH faculty or staff. The Institute will provide guidance and assistance for external publication of research results in industry or academic journals.
- The visiting researcher may participate in courses within the CBA or other colleges and departments, or may combine his/her residency with completion of a professional degree with permission of the appropriate colleges and administrative offices.
- Neither the Institute nor the college or university assumes any liability associated with the term of a visitor's residence.

Visiting Researchers to the Institute through Summer 1997: China National Petroleum Corporation; Indian Institute of Management; Comisión de Regulación de Energía y Gas (Colombia).