Scott Institute for Energy Innovation

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Mission of the Scott Institute

• The purpose of the Scott Institute is to lead and support Carnegie Mellon in its development of solutions to the Nation's and the world's energy challenges. The Institute will achieve this purpose by: identifying opportunities for synergy among existing activities; encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration among the Colleges; incentivizing the creation of new areas of research and education that build on current strengths; and, by communicating the results of the university's energy work to the energy stakeholder community, and especially to policy makers.

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- Research
 - Seed Grants
 - Investments in strategic areas
- Education
- Outreach
- Technology Commercialization

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Scott Institute Research Program – Seed Grants

Program

• ~\$400K /yr into seed projects

Objectives

- Incubate new ideas
- Invest in growth potential
- Engage new people
- Facilitate synergy

Program Evolution

- 2013, 2014, entering 2015
- Sept. 22, 2014 reporting by 2013 grantees



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Strategic Investments

- Leverage CMU's comparative advantages
- Choose important parts of the energy system where we already have strengths

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CMU's Comparative Advantages

- Systems approach to problem-solving and design
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Innovative and entrepreneurial
- Location (Marcellus shale, industry, NETL)

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Preliminary Priority Areas

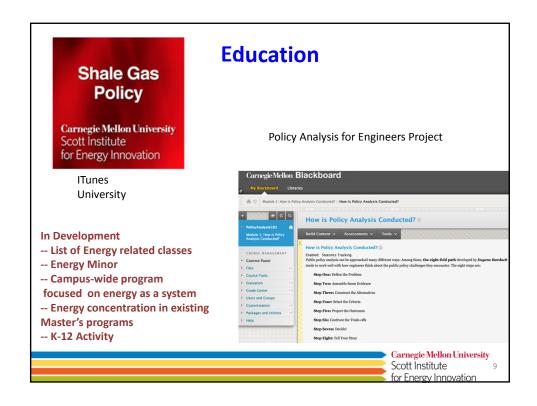
- Pathways to a low-carbon future
- Building energy use and efficiency including consumer behavior, devices, control systems and analytical tools
- Energy cyber-physical systems: the smart grid
- Shale gas
- Energy materials for electronic devices, energy storage, solar electric generation and fuel cells

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Strategic Assessment Workshops

- By invitation
- Faculty drawn from all relevant disciplines
- Possibly others from outside from academia, industry, NGO's and government
- Comprehensive and bi-directional
 - Policy/economics → technology, science research
 - Technology → policy/economic research
- Outputs
 - Research agenda
 - Path to external funding including major center (e.g. STC)
 - Investment needs

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Other Investments

- Industrial relations and fundraising
 - In collaboration with Corporate Relations Offices
- Technology commercialization
 - In collaboration with the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Outreach
 - In collaboration with Media and Public Relations
 Offices

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