

First U.S. geothermal academy to open in Nevada this summer

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Things are about to get hot and steamy at the University of Nevada, Reno's Redfield Campus as the country's first national academy for geothermal energy kicks off this summer.

A collaboration between the country's top geothermal schools, the academy is expected to draw 52 attendees – a quarter of whom will come from overseas. Attendees include professionals, graduate students and undergrads. Classes will be taught by 15 instructors from across the country, including Jefferson Tester of Cornell University and Roland Horne of Stanford.

Participants should expect plenty of geothermal industry know-how to be drilled into their heads during the eight-week course.

"It covers all aspects of geothermal energy development, from permitting, finding a geothermal resource, engineering and drilling, to constructing a power plant and building a business model," said Wendy Calvin, director of the National Geothermal Academy and the Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy. "There's no other thing out there right now in the U.S. that's like it."

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