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## Hydro Think Tank to be held at Southern Company's Logan - Martin Dam



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The Hydro Research Foundation has partnered with Southern Company to lead a university competition called the Hydro Think Tank. The week of May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 18 undergraduate students from the University of Alabama - Birmingham, University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa & Auburn University will be brought to Logan - Martin Dam for an intense week of hands-on problem solving to give their best solution to a pressing hydropower issue that Southern Company is working to solve. The week is filled with exploration, training, team work and development to compete for the grand prize, which includes a cash prize, internship opportunities, and university credits.

Qualifying teams include one professor (Team Leader) and 6 undergraduate students. Teams, will be judged by a panel of Southern Company Executives, River Managers, and Hydro Research Foundation members on ingenuity, practicality of solution, and presentation. This is the opportunity to practice real-life business and engineering skills, hone individual talents and apply knowledge to solve a pressing need in our river systems.

Kenneth Odom, Principal Engineer for Southern Company stated, The Hydro Research Foundation and Southern Company want students to learn about hydropower and some of the issues the industry faces from regulatory processes to operations of the plant itself. We hope that this will be a career-enhancing week in which students will leave with a better appreciation and understanding of hydropower.

Hydro Research Foundation continues to lead and engage with the university community in meaningful ways like this Think Tank. This opportunity provides practical skills for career development and exposes bright students to opportunities at Southern Company. Thanks to Southern Company's stewardship of this competition, a new model for how to attract great talent to the industry has been created.

The Hydro Research Foundation was established in 1994 and became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 1996. The primary purpose of Hydro Research Foundation is "advancing hydropower's role in our clean energy future through research and education."

For inquires on the Hydro Think Tank contact Bree Mendlin, Grants & Events Coordinator with Hydro Research Foundation at [bree@hydrofoundation.org](mailto:bree@hydrofoundation.org) or at 720-280-9429.