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Dear Colleague:
The scholarship fund of the Society of Vacuum Coaters Foundation is entering its 12th year. I am asking for your help in making this outstanding opportunity known to qualified and worthy students.

SVC and its scholarship foundation will award several scholarships ranging from $2500 to $5000 in early 2015 for the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled or entering an accredited academic program related to the vacuum coating technology field, including chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, electrical engineering, physics and related subjects. Preference is given to students who are expressly interested in entering, or currently engaged in studies relating to vacuum coatings. Academics, whose research makes use of vacuum coating processes, please pass this information onto students working with you or a colleague. A portion of the funds can be used toward pre-approved travel expenses. SVC members whose children or relatives are pursuing studies related to vacuum science are encouraged to apply. Past awardees may also seek an additional year’s scholarship. The SVCF scholarship committee is also seeking applications from practitioners returning to college or graduate school for additional study.

Vacuum coating technology is used for energy-conservation applications, optical transmission/reflective coatings, transparent electrically conduct coatings, web coatings for packaging, decorative and wear-resistant functional coatings, tribological and hard coatings, and coatings for compact disks and recording media. Vacuum coating technology includes deposition processes such as vacuum evaporation, sputter deposition, arc vaporization, ion plating and chemical vapor deposition.

Since 2003, scholarships have been awarded to 56 students from 16 countries to study at 36 institutions in the US, Europe, and Canada. The deadline for applications is December 1. All materials must arrive by December 8th. Applications and additional information are available online at the SVC Foundation website: www.svcfoundation.org

Thanks for your help in getting the word out about this important scholarship.

Best regards,

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