

Success Stories

DuPont Canada & TEAM – More than 10 years of successful projects

"DuPont has actively participated in the TEAM course for more than a decade. DuPont has sponsored 16 projects encompassing a wide range of areas in manufacturing, research and development. These projects include:

- Devising a method for concentrating liquid waste streams which, now implemented, is currently saving DuPont between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually.
- Discovering a method for reducing microbial growth and contamination in a plant feed stream, which reduced the required cleaning frequency by a factor of seven.
- Assembling into a report, information on fuel cell feed stocks. This document has been a valuable reference in the development of fuel cells.

The above successes are the primary reason DuPont continues to sponsor projects within TEAM. It is viewed not so much as a sponsorship of a university course but rather a cost-effective means of solving real business problems. All of the projects that DuPont sponsors are directed towards specific business or technical issues where the skills or resources to solve internally do not exist.

DuPont has also benefited from TEAM by providing industrial advisors to the students. Here the role of the advisor is to work with teams of students to help them develop professional skills such as project management, client communication, leadership and interpersonal skills. This has proven beneficial for both students and the industrial advisor - students gain from having a mentor in industry to help coach them on real-life projects. The industrial advisors benefit from being challenged by students in ways that industry does not, and have found it to be an excellent opportunity for personal development."

Dave Berg, Research Scientist, DuPont Canada

