



Rachana Vidhi Receives American Solar Energy Society Award

TAMPA, Fla. (June 30, 2014) Rachana Vidhi, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, is the recipient of the 2014 John and Barbara Yellott Award from the American Solar Energy Society (ASES). The award, named for the couple who helped found the American Solar Energy Society, is given annually to a deserving graduate student concentrating on solar energy at a recognized institution of higher learning.

Rachana was recognized for her work on supercritical Rankine cycles for low temperature power generation. She is advised by Professors Yogi Goswami and Lee Stefanakos, directors of the Clean Energy Research Center (CERC).

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