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Volvo Group announces academic partnership with Pennsylvania State University

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Washington, DC - At the Renewable Energy Technology Conference & Exhibition (RETECH 2010) the Volvo Group today announced its first academic partnership in North America. Penn State was chosen as part of Volvo's Academic Partner Program, which was launched globally in 2009 for research cooperation with selected universities.

"We are very pleased to add Penn State to our Academic Partner Program, which now covers Sweden, France, and the U.S.," said Jan-Eric Sundgren, head of public affairs and environmental issues for the Volvo Group. "This program shows our commitment to form a long-term strategic partnership that will strengthen the competitiveness of both the Volvo Group and our academic partners. Penn State already had ongoing activities in several areas such as student co-operative assignments, advanced engineering studies, biofuel research and vehicle system testing, so this partnership was very natural."

Cooperation in Volvo's Academic Partner Program encompasses research in areas such as production technology, engine development, and automotive safety. Specifically, the partnership with Penn State will target the areas of diesel combustion and efficiency, alternative fuels, intelligent transportation systems and vehicle and driver safety systems.

"This is a wonderful development for the faculty and students at Penn State," said Andre Boehman, professor of fuel science and material science and engineering, Penn State. "This first of its kind agreement between the Volvo Group and a U.S. university will provide extensive opportunities for collaboration in research and development and valuable educational experiences for our students."

The Volvo Group aims to establish long-term partnerships with the best universities worldwide in the field of automotive research.

Read more about the [Volvo Group Academic Program and our partners on VolvoGroup.com](#).

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