

# Technology and Economics Club (TEC)

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## **Our Experience With CIVET**

We're a young organization at Rutgers founded with the goal to bridge the gap between engineering and entrepreneurship. The Rutgers Center for Innovative Ventures and Emerging Technologies (CIVET) has been immensely supportive of this vision, helping us with events and networking opportunities throughout our first few semesters. Being a new organization without prior establishment or experience had its challenges, so with a professor's recommendation we approached Susan Engelhardt, CIVET Executive Director. She and her team guided us through the formation of the Technology and Economics Club and were very helpful in planning events for us, including a Google trip this past November where we hosted 25 students on a trip to New York City to visit the Google campus and network with employees. It was an amazing experience for all who attended, and a great opportunity for those interested in working at Google. Moreover, as CIVET's goals are closely aligned with the TEC's goals, we are thrilled to host Ms. Engelhardt as a guest speaker in the coming semester to discuss the unique projects at CIVET, past and present.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with people who exhibit the same passion and enthusiasm for technology that members of the Technology and Economics club do. We share the belief that engineering students would benefit from learning the entrepreneurial principles that can help to bring their innovations to market. Likewise, business students benefit from understanding technical principles behind creative products that drive their adoption and commercial success. Our members come from a range of academic disciplines, including engineering, business, and liberal arts. Having the opportunity to work with an organization at Rutgers like CIVET with whom we share such common goals has enabled us to follow through on our own vision. We are very thankful for the direction of Susan Engelhardt and CIVET, and we are eager to work with them again in the future.

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