

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**National algae testbed network opens its doors to educate the algae community**  
*ATP<sup>3</sup> hosts Algal Culture Management and Strain Selection workshop Aug. 19-23 in Austin, Texas*



Austin, Texas – Following a successful inaugural May training workshop in Arizona, the Algae Testbed Public-Private Partnership, ATP<sup>3</sup>, once again will open its doors to the algae community for a hands-on interactive algae workshop. From Aug. 19 to Aug. 23, participants will have a chance to get their hands green as they study Algal Culture Management and Strain Selection on the University of Texas at Austin’s campus.

ATP<sup>3</sup> is a network of open testbeds and evaluation facilities which aim to facilitate innovation, empower knowledge creation and accelerate growth of the emergent algal energy industry. In May, ATP<sup>3</sup> specialists hosted a full class of algae researchers and scientists from around the globe for the first of many ATP<sup>3</sup> workshops. See what the participants are saying about the ATP<sup>3</sup> workshops in the ATP<sup>3</sup> video [here](#).

“We are excited to spread the wealth of knowledge that ATP<sup>3</sup> has as a collaboration,” said Gary Dirks, director of ATP<sup>3</sup>, ASU LightWorks and the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability.

Workshop modules will include:

- The collection of field samples (bioprospecting)
- Measuring culture density and growth rates
- Monitoring cultures for contaminants
- Analyzing chemical composition of algal biomass

This workshop is designed for participants interested in the practical applications of algae, as well as advanced students and trainees who would like to obtain a comprehensive overview on the laboratory cultivation and analysis of microalgae.

The ATP<sup>3</sup> training workshops are informal and participants will be encouraged to ask questions, share information with the group, and network. Participants will be provided printed and electronic materials and a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the workshop.

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Don't miss this opportunity to learn about algal culture management and strain selection, sign up now at [atp3.org/education/](http://atp3.org/education/). The program fee is \$1,600 and includes training, materials and three lunches.

#### About the Algae Testbed Public-Private Partnership

ATP<sup>3</sup> serves as a learning environment for the next generation of scientists, engineers, and business leaders to help accelerate the research and development of algae-based technologies. Our open test bed and evaluation facilities are a hub for research and commercialization of algae-based biofuels and other biomass co-products.

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For more about ATP<sup>3</sup>, visit [atp3.org](http://atp3.org).

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