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# Liberty's School of Engineering and Computational Sciences gives students a competitive edge

June 09, 2008 | Teresa Dunham

With a shortage of engineers in the United States and Europe, employers are begging for new hires in the field — and Liberty University's School of Engineering and Computational Sciences gives students a competitive advantage.

A high number of engineering companies in Lynchburg, Va., means the opportunity for internships is especially strong. Three international engineering companies with local ties are AREVA nuclear power firm, Babcock & Wilcox and Tyco International.

Now celebrating its first year, Liberty University's engineering program is currently accepting students with a great imagination and strong math skills.

"A lot of people are saying that engineering is one of the toughest jobs to fill," Associate Dean John Vadnal told incoming students on Monday at an Early Orientation question-and-answer session geared toward engineering students.

Among Vadnal's audience was 18-year-old Benjamin Stahl, who plans to study electrical engineering this fall.

"I'm really excited to start studying engineering here. It's good to be in a Christian environment and do something that has interested me my whole life," said Stahl, a Cumberland, Md., native.

The department has about 250 students now, and 150 to 200 more are expected in the fall.

"We're one of the few schools in the country that teaches engineering from the Biblical worldview," said Dean Ron Sones, adding that the department is building four new labs in the Arthur S. DeMoss Learning Center to accommodate engineering students this fall.

To find out more about Liberty University's engineering programs, visit the [School of Engineering and Computational Sciences](#).