

We are happy to congratulate Nkiruka Avila as the recipient of 2016's Art Rosenfeld award for Energy Efficiency!

Nkiruka Avila is a Ph.D. student in Energy and Resources at the University of California, Berkeley. She holds master's degrees in Energy and Resources and Civil and Environmental Engineering, and a bachelor's degree with Summa cum Laude honors in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. She is a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow and a Berkeley Chancellor Fellow. In addition to 4 years of academic research work, she

has 3 years of industry experience in renewable energy integration, integrated resource planning, energy efficiency and natural gas production and distribution. Her research focuses on renewable energy integration, sustainable energy development and electricity access.

The Art Rosenfeld award is awarded annually to pioneering researchers in the field of energy efficiency, in honor of the pioneering Berkeley physicist of the same name who, throughout his career, has been a global champion of energy conservation and the technologies that support it. Recipients of this award go on to pursue a career in the science, policy, or implementation of energy-efficiency.

Nkiruka received the research award of \$5000 for her efforts, and we look forward to seeing what she accomplishes next.

