

# IBM Power Systems Academic Initiative

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## New opportunities abound at Touro College through IBM's Power Systems Academic Initiative

New York City is the epicenter of the Touro College and University system, with programs thriving in Chicago, California, Nevada, Moscow, Israel and Berlin. Every year, thousands of students from all walks of life turn to the school system to pursue various degrees, including information technology.

Shmuel Fink, Chair, M.S. in Information Systems, Graduate School of Technology, Touro College, has only been a member of the IBM Power Systems Academic Initiative for a little over a year, but is very pleased with the support he is receiving and looks forward to sharing the benefits of the program with his colleagues within the university system. "Without the support of PSIA," says Fink, "we wouldn't have access to the level of

hardware and software that we do now." His students log in to the Power Systems Academic Cloud — an IBM Power System Red Hat Enterprise Linux server — to access all of the coursework for his Linux course.

Fink describes his overall experience with the PSIA resources as, "phenomenal!" He adds, "I sent an email at 10:45 p.m. to a PSIA contact requesting that additional software be installed, and before 7:30 a.m. the following morning, I received an email stating that the software had been installed."

Currently, 16 students have enrolled in his Linux class. "Not only has the school benefited, but the students have, too," says Fink. "The students get experience working in a real-world environment through the IBM Power Systems Academic Cloud, just as they will on the job after they graduate."

Fink is excited about the opportunity to share his experience with other faculty members within the Touro College and University system. He expects that the PSIA will not only be utilized in other sections of the Linux and Unix courses, but in a wide range of courses college wide.

If you would like to learn more about IBM's Power System Academic Initiative, which provides colleges with course materials and access to IBM systems and software at no charge, or you are interested in having your school profiled, please contact [Janet Caruccio](#).

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