

ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Program Guidelines for Member Organizations

ACEC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AMONG FINALISTS SUBMITTED BY MOS

Under the auspices of the ACEC College of Fellows, the ACEC Research Institute will award six (6) *General Scholarships* in 2021, and one (1) Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE) Scholarship.

The general scholarships are open to all eligible students seeking a degree in engineering from an ABET accredited institution while the specialty CASE scholarship is limited to students pursuing a Master's degree in Structural Engineering. Students who qualify for the CASE scholarship may be considered for the Scholar of the Year general scholarship.

Funding for these awards as well as all expenses incurred will come exclusively from the endowment and from funds generously provided by firms, organizations or individuals for named scholarships, and the identified sponsoring coalitions and trusts of ACEC.

The ACEC Research Institute will rely solely on applications derived from the MOs that administer their own scholarship programs (or, if they do not issue scholarships themselves, are at least able to screen applicants). Each MO is encouraged to submit three (3) candidates to ACEC for award consideration – **two (2) applicants for the general scholarships and (1) applicant for the specialty CASE scholarship.** The CASE applicant must be enrolled in a Master's degree program for Structural Engineering in the 2021 fall semester.

REQUIRED USE OF OFFICIAL 2021 ACEC APPLICATION FORM

An "Official 2021 ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Application Form" for use by MOs is included in the attachments. Each MO will be responsible for adding its deadline, name and address, and then reproducing and distributing it. It is necessary that each MO use the same criteria to judge their applicants. Please note, the application format and point allotment for scoring can change from year to year.

Therefore, MOs shall utilize the attached "Official 2021 ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Application Form"; non-standard applications will not be accepted.

THE SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE IS CENTERED ON THE MEMBER ORGANIZATION

The scholarship initiative is meant to be local. The Institute will issue its awards based on a pool of finalists from MO programs around the country. MOs will establish, maintain, publicize, and respond to inquiries on the activities within their borders. Any inquiries received by ACEC National or ACEC Research Institute will be forwarded to the appropriate MO for consideration in their local program as well as the national program.

MOs who wish to participate in the national scholarship awards program may submit three applications (two applicants for the general scholarships and one applicant for the CASE scholarship) with completed checklist. All applications must be delivered to Heather Talbert by March 5, 2021 for screening and judging by ACEC's College of Fellows. Announcement of the "2021 ACEC National Scholarship" award winners will be made during ACEC's 2021 Fall Conference.

To view a list of ABET, Inc.'s EAC accredited engineering programs, visit ABET's website at www.abet.org.

For information regarding scholarship scoring guidelines, please <u>click here</u>.

If you have any questions, please call Heather Talbert (htalbert@acec.org) at 202-347-7474.