ACI Foundation Process for Identifying, Prioritizing, and Funding Research and Innovation Initiatives

Building the Future

Standard Timeline

Ideation and Gathering

START

ACI Committees

ACIF Councils

Concrete Community

Call for ideas, problem statements, research needs, industry challenges, innovation needs

Online submittal form

Staff gathers and organizes information

Ideas can be submitted throughout the year; staff will flag urgent needs

July 15 - Aug. 31

Initial Filter & Prioritization

"No go" ideas

Qualitiative Assessment and Filter

Prioritize

"No go" projects

Staff communicates that idea won't go forward

Sept 1 - Sept. 30

Project Development

Yes projects

Evaluate/investigate to develop scope, budget

Will work with submitter, ACI committees, industry stakeholders, funding partners, researchers

Oct. 1 - Nov. 15

Final Selection & Approval

"No go" projects

Staff communicates that project won't go forward

Final selection and recommendation for funding

Trustee Approval

END

Yes

Nov. 15 Dec. 7

Implement

Develop RFPs

Awarded Projects

Issue and manage RFPs. Review and select from responses.

Staff issues grants and manages projects

Awarded proposals

Staff communicates to submitters of unawarded proposals

December and January

Key

- ACIF staff
- ACIF SIRC
- ACIF Councils + ACIF Staff
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- ACIF Trustees

SIRC

- 3 CIC members (3-year staggered terms)
- 3 CRC members (3-year staggered terms)
- ACI Managing Director of Engineering
- ACIF Assistant Director and Committee Liaison
- ACIF Executive Director (Ex-Officio)