



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



BUILDING THE FUTURE

Jessica Gonzalez is currently a graduate student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, USA. She is conducting research that is part of a larger national effort aimed at quantifying changes in the seismic collapse risk of concrete structures associated with switching from conventional reinforcing bars to niobium-based reinforcing bars. She is looking forward to becoming a licensed structural engineer to help her community by considering the balance of safety, economy, and sutainability requirements.

Her main goal is to inspire young minority women to conquer their dreams.

Jessica is the 2021-2022 recipient of the ACI Foundation Scholarship, and is one of the many students that have benefited from the ACI Foundation Scholarship & Fellowship Programs.

Your generosity allows us to continue to fund our programs to build a stronger concrete industry to meet the challenges of today and into the future.





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Your financial support and the support of our volunteers, ACI leadership, and industry partners has helped us enhance our role in building the future of the concrete industry. Thank you for your support!

We began 2021 with plans to implement our new 5-year strategic plan. Our plan focuses on five themes: financial strength, industry visibility, alignment, research & technology, and future leaders. We are fortunate to have strong leadership in our trustees, focused guidance from our councils in our mission-centric work, and hardworking and dedicated staff to launch our plans. We are proud of the foundational steps we have taken in 2021 and look forward to more in 2022. You can read more about these highlights in our report.

- We established long-term support of ACI Foundation operations so that 100% of community donations are applied to programs and mission activities.
- We increased our capacity to connect and engage with our community through new dedicated marketing staff, expanding awareness of our brand and new tagline "Building the Future."
- We strengthened and simplified ACI Foundation's approach to technology and innovation, and created a stronger connection to, support of, and alignment with ACI's expanding focus on technology and innovation.
- We saw incredible financial support from ACI chapters, industry corporations, and individuals boosting mainly our student Fellowship and Scholarship Programs by creating more awards to encourage and engage our future leaders.
- We held two virtual Technology Forums.
- We funded eight research projects, increasing our suite of active research projects in 2021 to 27.
- Two research projects concluded:
 - Structural Response and Buckling Behavior of Slender UHPC Columns, Mohamed Moustafa, University of Nevada - Reno; and
 - Development of a Standard Critical Chloride Threshold Test Method, Ceki Halmen, University of Missouri - Kansas City.

We are lucky to have had many opportunities to connect with our community—our donors, volunteers, partners, ACI committees, and more—and we are working to build stronger and more fruitful relationships that support our common goal: Building the Future!

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or suggestions. I welcome all feedback that can help us reach our goals. Please connect with us on social media.

My best to you and yours,





MISSION

To make strategic investments in ideas, research, and people to create the future of the concrete industry.

VISION

A future where everyone has the knowledge needed to use concrete effectively to meet the demands of a changing world.

IMPACT

ACI Foundation supports a wide range of research and educational initiatives that contribute to keeping the concrete industry at the forefront of technological advances in material composition, design, and construction. We engage with industry partners, invest in students and research, share knowledge, and provide programs for professional development and personal growth.



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Erin Stewartson, University of Maryland,
 2021-2022 Awardee, ACI Foundation
 Concrete Materials Fellowship





Beyond advancing concrete knowledge, research supports emerging and talented researchers who can contribute to ACI's resources and help shape our industry.

By cultivating programs focused on students, research, and technology advancement, ACI Foundation contributes to keeping the concrete industry at the forefront of material composition, design, and construction innovation.



SIMPLIFYTO STRENGTHEN

Creation of the Concrete Innovation Council

An outcome of ACI Foundation strategic planning, the Strategic Development Council (SDC) was restructured into a new council, the Concrete Innovation Council (CIC). The simplified objective and structure keeps the ACI Foundation aligned with ACI's expanding focus on new technology and innovation. The objective of the CIC is to identify technologies and innovations that are aligned with ACI and industry strategies and help implement their use when appropriate.

The CIC will identify innovations through various paths:

- hosting annual Technology Forums;
- sponsoring stakeholder workshops;
- conducting surveys; and
- expanding communications with ACI technical committees, ACI chapters, and the concrete industry at large.

At the request of the ACI Foundation Trustees, a group of 11 volunteers serve on the CIC. Ex officio positions are held by ACI's newly created Director of Innovative Concrete Technology as well as the Executive Directors of ACI's Centers of Excellence. Along with staff, these volunteers will identify, review, analyze, and prioritize technology and innovation that are aligned with ACI and industry strategies, and are worthy of support. CIC members will also provide funding recommendations for research, business cases, risk analysis, market surveys, validation studies, or authorship of technical guides to the ACI Foundation Trustees as appropriate.

IMPACT



22 students awarded scholarships for concrete and engineering education



Four brand new student awards created, allowing more educational opportunities for students within the community



Eight new and cutting-edge research projects granted funding, aiding in the advancement of the concrete industry



38 veterans supported through rebates for ACI certification



EDUCATION

2021-2022 Fellowship Recipients

ACI Foundation Student Fellowships are offered to high-potential students in concrete-related studies who are endorsed by an ACI member. The purpose of the Student Fellowship Program is to identify, attract, and develop outstanding professionals for productive careers in the concrete field. Learn more about ACI Foundation Fellowship and Scholarship Programs by visiting our website: https://www.acifoundation.org/scholarships.aspx.



ACI Foundation Concrete Materials Fellowship Erin Stewartson



ACI Foundation Concrete Practitioner Fellowship William Snitzer



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2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients

Funded exclusively through generous donations, ACI Foundation helps offset college costs by offering a wide variety of college graduate and undergraduate scholarships. Recipients are awarded a \$5,000 educational stipend for tuition, residence, books, and materials. In the 2021-2022 cycle, nine students were awarded \$45,000.

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RESEARCH

Research is a critical component to advancing our industry. ACI Foundation, through its Concrete Research Council, seeks to make the greatest impact possible. Beyond advancing concrete knowledge, research also supports emerging, talented researchers who can help shape our industry.

2021 Funded Research Projects

Chloride Desorption Isotherms of Cementitious Systems Exposed to Low-pH Environments

PI: Mahmoud Shakouri, University of Nebraska Kearney

Core Compressive Strength and Elastic Modulus Measurements of High-Strength Concrete

PI: Matthew Sherman and Co-PI: Brett Holland, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.

Development of FRP Retrofit Guidelines for Deficient Reinforced Concrete Horizontal Lateral Force-Resisting Systems

PI: Eric Jacques and Co-PI: Matthew Eatherto, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Performance and Repair of Ordinary Structural Walls Subjected to Wind and Seismic Loading Protocols

PI: John W. Wallace, University of California

Shear Behavior of Macro-Synthetic Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Pl: Travis Thonstad and Co-Pl: Paolo M. Calvi, University of

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Standard Critical Chloride Threshold Test Variability due to Material Sources

PI: Ceki Halmen, University of Missouri

Stress-Strain Analysis of BCSA Cement for Structural Applications

PI: Cameron D. Murray, University of Arkansas

Transverse Reinforcement Requirements for UHPC Columns: Assessment of Existing ACI Provisions and New Developments

PI: Mohamed Moustafa, University of Nevada, Reno

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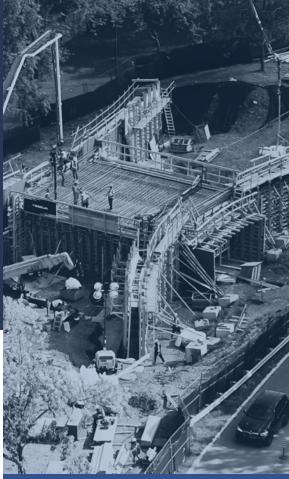
2021 Technology Forums Highlights

2021 Technology Forums were offered virtually over the course of 3 days in February and August. Attendees were offered a wide range of knowledge related to research, innovations, and new technologies through 19 presentations and 10 technology showcases.

Highlights included:

- Recommendations for horizontal shear provisions in concrete repair.
- Benefits of recycled glass pozzolans used in the award-winning Darwin Bridges: the world's first bridges to incorporate glass powder concrete.
- Australia's load-transfer construction method for improved productivity.
- Wyoming's integrated test center for testing carbon capture technology under real-world conditions.
- A case study on constructability economics.
- Updates on concrete industry efforts on carbon.

ACI also announced exciting new developments, such as ACI 318 PLUS, which provides users with digital interactive access to the ACI 318-19 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary, as well as NEx: An ACI Center of Excellence for Nonmetallic Building Materials.



Darwin Bridges, Montreal, QC, Canada, the 2021 1st place winner in the Infrastructure category of the ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction awards

ACI Foundation's Concrete Innovation **Council facilitates** the visioning and prioritization of key challenges facing the concrete industry. It assists ACI with the timely adoption of new technologies, best practices, and provides a framework for the development of programs for acceleration of technology acceptance.

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