

Concrete Research Council's Annual RFP

ACI Technical Committee Support Form for Proposals

The mission statement of the ACI Foundation's Concrete Research Council (CRC) is to advance the knowledge and sustainable aspects of concrete materials, construction, and structures by soliciting and selecting research proposals, assisting in financing them, and publishing results, in coordination with ACI technical committees, where possible.

Principal investigators (PIs) are required to get documented support/endorsement from the most relevant ACI Technical Committee for the proposal to be considered for funding by the ACI Foundation. It is also now required that the awarded entities contract with the ACI Foundation using a predetermined indirect return of 15%. Due to the contract requirement, the CRC has imposed additional criteria for all proposals to improve the communication between the PI, the relevant ACI Technical Committee, and the CRC. In addition, the involvement and assistance from the ACI technical committee to the PI will lead to greater project impact on ACI documents and on the concrete industry.

If you are a Chair or Task Group Leader of an ACI Technical Committee, principal investigators may contact you to complete the required CRC support form documentation provided below. As such, we ask that you provide the completed form to the requesting PI, which he/she can include in the proposal package for the CRC. It should be emphasized that proposals are rated by technical reviewers based on their relevancy to ACI and the concrete industry and their potential to advance ACI standards, improve industry projects or systems, or provide thrusts into new markets. Therefore, your completed support form will be carefully used in the CRC's review process.

Please note that you should only provide the completed support form for proposals that you feel are relevant to the technical work and importance of your committee and the concrete industry. You do not have to provide a support form for any proposing researcher if you feel the technical content of the proposal is not relevant to your committee or possibly other reasons specific to your committee. If you receive multiple requests from potential PIs, you may need to prioritize their importance to your committee. Based on the CRC RFP schedule (December 1 deadline for proposal submission), a researcher or researchers could present to your committee at the fall ACI Convention and the committee could subsequently conduct an in-person discussion and administrative ballot at that time and the PI could still meet the proposal deadline schedule. However, these committee presentations and discussions are not required in this cycle of the RFP.

Please fill out the second page, sign, and have the Principle Investigator include it in the application for funding.

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Proposal Title

Principal Investigator (PI) _____

ACI Committee No. _____

ACI Committee Name _____

ACI Technical Committee Chair/Task Group Leader _____

Clearly emphasize the importance of the proposed research as it relates to the technical activities of your technical committee, the general activities of ACI, and the concrete industry.

Describe, related to your committee's work, the potential of the proposed research to advance ACI standards, improve industry projects or systems, or provide thrust into new markets. Specifically identify which committee documents, ACI standards, or other industry documents the research will influence and advance.

Has or will your committee form a Task Group or identify an individual “Champion” that will serve in an advisory capacity to the PI for the proposed research and assist the PI in project reporting to the ACI technical committee and the CRC at their bi-annual convention meetings? Will this task group or individual assist the PI in the adoption and dissemination of project research findings in ACI documents and the concrete industry?

Yes No

Please list the person or persons in the task group:

It is recommended that the committee discuss and vote (at the meeting which would be reflected in the minutes or issue an administrative ballot) on the research to adequately evaluate the intentions of the committee and to provide transparency to the committee members.

Did the PI present their research concept to your committee?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

Has your committee voted on supporting the research proposal?

Yes No If yes, what was the vote? _____

Will your committee dedicate committee meeting time at the bi-annual convention meetings to get project status updates and discuss implementation of results from the PI and Task Group/Champion and document in the committee minutes of the meeting?

Yes No

Based on the above information, ACI Committee:

supports the research proposal:

Chair/Task Group Leader Signature

Printed Name

Date