

Double Your Donation to the ACI Foundation Today!

The ACI Foundation's Fall Appeal is underway, and we are grateful for our generous sponsor, the ACI Greater Miami Valley Chapter, who will match up to \$20,000 of every dollar donated through December 31, 2020. Not only will your donation be doubled, but 100% of your contribution will go directly to ACI Foundation programs.



By joining the ACI Foundation's Fall Appeal, you can help exceptional students reach their career goals through scholarships or fellowships, provide funding for a research project that will immediately impact our world, or help provide strategic innovation and advancements for the concrete industry. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far!

Thanks to the 2020 ACI Foundation Fall Appeal Matching Sponsor: ACI Greater Miami Valley Chapter

"The ACI community has long joined together with the common goal of advancing concrete guides, codes, and standards and educating users of concrete. Let's broaden the ACI Foundation community—get involved today to keep this spirit of kinship through giving back!" says Mike Schneider, ACI Foundation Chair and ACI Past President. Schneider is Senior Vice President, Baker Concrete Construction, and a member of the ACI Greater Miami Valley Chapter.

S.P. Shah Donates to Launch a New ACI Foundation Fellowship for PhD Students



ACI Honorary Member S.P. Shah

Our deepest gratitude is expressed to Surendra P. Shah, who recently donated \$50,000 to the ACI Foundation to start a Legacy Fellowship. We are appreciative of his generosity and dedication to the industry, students, and now to the ACI Foundation. Shah has made a profound impact on numerous careers in the concrete industry. His students, both past and present, have a deep appreciation for everything he has done as an advisor and mentor.

We are honored to have Shah become a major part of the ACI Foundation family.

The S.P. Shah Fellowship is unique in the sense that it is solely offered to students pursuing a PhD in materials. A fully funded 5-year fellowship requires \$75,000 in funding. We invite you to donate to the Shah Fellowship and give back to

students and engage them in the industry. With your help, this award will continue to make a big difference for years to come.

Eligible students must be enrolled full-time in a PhD program and be student members of ACI. Applicants must also have an interest in concrete materials and be enrolled in an institution located in the United States or Canada. Research advisors can provide an endorsement. Students may also include a description of their thesis topic or research goals and plans with their online application. An internship is not required to be considered for this fellowship.

This fellowship will be available for the 2022-2023 award cycle, and the application period will open on July 1, 2021.

Supporting Talented Students

With your help, the ACI Foundation awards talented students in concrete-related degree programs with various scholarships and fellowships, which have become more critical during these uncertain times. ACI Foundation fellowship recipient Bjorn Vors, who studied at the University of Saskatchewan, said: "I want to work with others who are going in the same direction I am—people who are trying to move the concrete industry forward. Getting involved with ACI was the highlight of my bachelor's degree. I know my continued involvement will be tremendously impactful with my coursework and beyond."



ACI student members benefit from the ACI Foundation's many scholarships and fellowships

In 2020, the ACI Foundation provided:

- Over \$450,000 for eight industry research projects;
- Nearly \$200,000 distributed to 20 deserving students; and
- Two technology forums that introduced new technologies and innovations for the concrete industry.