

Applications Open for Fellowships and Scholarships

The 2021-2022 application cycle for ACI Foundation fellowship and scholarship awards opened on July 1, 2020. Based on student essays, educational data, and endorsements, the ACI Foundation's Scholarship Council will grant thousands of dollars in fellowships and scholarships to candidates judged to have the strongest combination of interest and potential for professional success in the concrete industry.

This year brings exciting changes as we welcome new awards to our program, including an undergraduate scholarship—the Roger S. Johnston Memorial Scholarship.

Thank you to our generous donors throughout the concrete industry for making ACI Foundation fellowships and scholarships possible. You truly make a difference in the industry's future.

If you know of a student who would benefit from receiving tuition and networking assistance and who would serve our industry well, please encourage them to apply. This is a life-changing opportunity for students, and we value their experience in this program. Students who apply are required to obtain two endorsements, with one of those being from an ACI nonstudent member. Please consider endorsing a worthy student today.

The ACI Foundation's Fellowship and Scholarship Program has been successful in encouraging high-potential students to engage in the field of concrete via education and

involvement in the ACI community. The most recent example of this success is with the 2019-2020 ACI Presidents' Fellowship awardee, Alvaro Ruiz Empananza. Ruiz Empananza has become an integral part of the ACI and ACI Foundation communities. He currently serves as the Chair of the Collegiate Concrete Council; is President of the University of Miami Student Chapter – ACI; and is a voting member of six other committees, including the ACI Foundation's Development Committee.

To apply for a fellowship and/or scholarship, please visit www.acifoundation.org/scholarships.aspx. All application requirements and tips for preparing materials for submission can also be found at this web address.

Funded Research Projects in 2020

The ACI Foundation is pleased to fund eight new research projects in 2020. This year's request for proposals had the highest number of applications to date, making the award process very competitive. We would like to thank all the researchers that took the time and effort to apply. We also offer our sincere appreciation to all the ACI and Concrete Research Council volunteers for reviewing the applications and recommending this year's awardees. We know that the high quantity and quality of the proposals made it difficult to limit the number of awards.

To view the list of funded projects, visit www.acifoundation.org/research/researchprojects.aspx.



The ACI Foundation's Fellowship and Scholarship Program helps students engage with the concrete community



The ACI Foundation funds research projects that aim to improve concrete technology and practice