

Portland Cement Association Scholarship Rules

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) Scholarship is available to master and doctorate degree students performing research on any of the following topics as they relate mitigating the effects of, responding to or recovery from natural disasters:

- Innovative use of concrete systems to improve the resilience of new production homes
- Quantification of the impacts significant loss of housing stock has on post disaster community recovery and continuity
- Life cycle cost analysis examining short and long term financial and social impacts of more resilient concrete home construction

All topics are subject to the requirements listed below. Award of the scholarship is at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee and their decision is final.

Scholarship applications may be submitted at any time. Based on the date of submission, review of the Scholarship Committee and notification of award, the Committee may decide to award the scholarship during the 2014/2015 academic year or wait until the 2015/2016 academic year.

Based on this determination, the Committee or designee will work with the recipient to determine the appropriate FLASH Annual Conference or event at which presentation of the research shall be required.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Before the start of the proposed period of study (but not necessarily at the time of application), the applicant must possess a bachelor's degree from a higher education institution which is accredited by the responsible regional or national agency.
2. At the time of acceptance of the scholarship (but not necessarily at the time of application), the applicant must be accepted for graduate study at a college or university.
3. The proposed faculty member who will direct the applicant's graduate study during the year in which the scholarship is applied for and awarded must complete and return an appraisal of the student's capabilities as part of the application process. This faculty advisor must take responsibility for guiding the student's research program and must ensure the student meets the requirements of the scholarship by preparing and presenting a poster at the FLASH Annual Conference during the year the scholarship is awarded.
4. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the entire application package has been received by FLASH. The application package must include:
 - a. A fully completed application form. The applicant must respond to all questions on the application form. Do not attach additional sheets. Responses must be typewritten.
 - b. Unofficial transcripts of undergraduate and graduate records.
 - c. A statement of appraisal and agreement to direct the applicant's graduate research program from the proposed faculty advisor.

These items shall constitute the "application package." The application package shall be transmitted to Tim Smail (tim@flash.org) at FLASH in an electronic zipped folder titled as follows:

- *lastname_PCA_Year* (i.e. *smail_PCA_2014*)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Announcement

Notification of award status to the applicant will be made within 30 days of receipt of the application. If chosen for the award, an official announcement will be made after the recipient completes the proper acceptance paperwork.

Payments

The \$1,500 award will be presented to the scholarship recipient after the official announcement. The scholarship recipient may use the scholarship award only for project-related expenditures that include tuition, room and board, research expenses and/or reasonable travel expenses associated with presentation of research at the FLASH Annual Conference.

Attendance at the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes Annual Conference for in-person presentation of the research in poster or presentation format is required as part of the scholarship award criteria.

Reports

The student, with the assistance of the faculty advisor must prepare a poster for the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes Annual Conference during the year which the scholarship was awarded, attend the Conference and present their research during the specified session.

All required information and questions should be directed towards:

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