

Liu Huixian Earthquake Engineering Scholarship Award:

Description and Guidelines

Article 1 General Provisions

In honor of the late Professor Liu Huixian, the founder of Earthquake Engineering in China, the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation (China) and the US-China Earthquake Engineering Foundation (USA) have jointly established the Liu Huixian Earthquake Engineering Scholarship Award (hereinafter called the “Scholarship Award” or “Award”), to encourage graduate students in earthquake engineering to pursue research and/or academic careers. This document describes the guidelines under which the Award will be administered.

Article 2 Award Standards and Limits

(1) The number of annual awards is jointly decided by the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation (China) and the US-China Earthquake Engineering Foundation (USA).

(2) Award standard:

- a: Each awardee will receive a cash award of RMB 10,000 (or US \$1,500).
- b: The awardees from America may choose to either receive a cash award of US \$ 1,500, or visit the Institute of Engineering Mechanics (both Harbin and Beijing locations) of the China Earthquake Administration for approximately ten days, with round trip economy airfare from the awardee’s home city to Harbin and all the living and local expenses fully covered by the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation. The purpose of the second option is intended to introduce to the American awardees the earthquake engineering research activities of IEM and to develop possible contact for future research collaborators.

(3) Each applicant must be recommended by his/her research adviser and endorsed by a department /division head or by three faculty members of the applicant’s institution.

(4) Each institution may recommend no more than two applicants per year.

Article 3 Eligibility

(1) Applicants must be students pursuing a master's or doctor’s degree in earthquake engineering or closely related fields, who are enrolled in a university or research institute in China, USA, Singapore, or a member center of the Asian-Pacific Network of Centers for Earthquake Engineering Research (ANCER) during the spring semester of 2014.

(2) Applicants for the Scholarship Award shall be 30 years of age or younger as of the deadline date of application submission.

Article 4 Application Procedures

(1) Applications for the Scholarship Award are evaluated and a panel of experts designated by the two Foundations.

(2) A group of finalists will be selected. They may be requested to an interview either personal or by phone or other media.

(3) The Award winners will be announced in the fall of each year on the websites <http://hxeeef.iem.cn/> and <http://www.iem.ac.cn/>.

Article 5 Application Materials

Application materials should include:

- a) Application form
- b) Original transcripts
- c) A letter of recommendation from the applicant's research adviser.
- d) One letter of recommendation from the head of the department /division of the university/institute or recommendation letters from three Professors.
- e) Copies of up to 5 referred journal publications
- f) A personal statement of 1,000 to 2,000 words that outlines the applicant's research experience and achievements in earthquake engineering and related fields; description of current research projects; and future research and professional plans after the current degree requirements are completed.
- g) Additional supporting documents (optional).

All materials should be submitted in three hard copies. (Mailing address: The Secretariat of Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation, 9 Xuefu Road, Harbin 150080, China). An electronic copy should also be forwarded to hxeeef@iem.cn or hxeeef@iem.ac.cn.

Article 6 Award Granting, Administration and Supervision

- (1) Certificates and stipends will be mailed to the awardees at an appropriate time after the announcement.
- (2) The Secretariat of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation is responsible for handling all issues related to this Award. Any inquiries should be directed to <http://hxeeef.iem.cn>.
- (3) Awardees are required to report their annual research progress to the Secretariat of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation by December 31th every year. They are also required to report to the Secretariat after they entered the first professional job after graduation.

Article 7 Bylaws

- (1) The Foundations retain the right to explain and conduct the evaluation process as they deem necessary.
- (2) The Regulations will become effective the day they are announced.