

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 may choose either to receive a cash award of US \$ 1,500, or visit one of the universities or institutes in China for seven to ten days, such as the Institute of Engineering Mechanics of China Earthquake Administration, with round trip economy airfare from the awardee’s home city to China 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 awardees the earthquake engineering research activities in China 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.

Article 3 Eligibility

(1) Applicants must currently be enrolled as a full-time master’s degree or doctoral degree student in earthquake engineering or a closely related field. Applicants must be at 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).

(2) Applicants must be 30 years of age or younger by the end of 2015.

Article 4 Application Procedures

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

(2) A group of finalists will be selected. Finalists may be requested to interview in person or by phone or other media.

(3) 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) A completed 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 application materials should be submitted electronically to the Secretariat of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation. (E-mail address: hxeef@iem.cn; hxeef@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://hxeef.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 upon beginning his/her first professional job after graduation.

Article 7 Bylaws

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