



ASCP 2014 Scholarship

The Australian Society for Concrete Pavements (ASCP) offers an annual Scholarship Award to assist the concrete pavements industry gain access to current international developments, and to provide opportunities for personal development of younger achievers in the industry.

The Scholarship consists of a dollar amount to reimburse conference fees, travel and accommodation costs, and other related expenses, and has a number of requirements of the awardee.

Applications must be made on the prescribed form, and for 2014 are to be submitted to ASCP by 28 February 2014.

The Scholarship Award

The ASCP annual Scholarship is for an overseas study tour which may include attendance at a relevant Conference, Symposium or the like. Consideration will also be given to applications for support of relevant, local research projects or topics.

The Scholarship has a value of up to \$7,500 which is intended to reimburse some or all of the costs of –

- Overseas airfare
- Meals and accommodation
- Local travel costs while overseas
- Conference registration costs (where relevant)

Scholarship Objectives

The provision of this Scholarship aims to meet several objectives, namely –

- To annually seek out new technical and applied developments from overseas in the field of concrete pavement construction. Relevant topic areas include design, construction, materials, equipment, or research, but need not be limited to these topic areas.
- To ensure that information gained is reported and presented in such a manner as to be available to the concrete pavement industry in Australia. This will typically be through a written report and presentations at relevant ASCP and/or Australian conferences, seminars and forums.
- To provide opportunities for the personal development of younger achievers within the concrete pavement industry in Australia.

Minimum Qualifications

The minimum qualifications required for an applicant are –

- minimum age of 25 years,
- membership of ASCP, or other relevant industry association, for at least two years,
- relevant industry experience – preferably five or more years' experience. Experience may have been gained working for government authorities, academic institutions, construction contractors, consulting engineering firms, materials & products suppliers, or equipment manufacturers in the industry.

Applications

Applications are to be made in writing addressed to –

The Executive Director
Australian Society for Concrete Pavements
129 Grandview Drive
Newport NSW 2106

or by emailed submission to exec@concretepavements.com.au

Applications are to include -

- full name, age, address, phone and email contacts, employer, and position occupied.
- educational and professional qualifications.
- details of the applicant's industry and work experience.
- list of memberships of Associations or Professional bodies, including any positions held now or previously, or any work on professional committees.
- the applicant should clearly set down each matter to be investigated or conference to be attended together with reasons for that investigation and benefits to the Australian industry. It should state where and with whom this will occur, and generally set down the time to be devoted to the matters and/or conference. This item must contain enough information to satisfy the ASCP Scholarship Committee that the applicant has a clear understanding of what is proposed.
- a statement giving undertakings to the requirements below and any other as may be required.
- any other matters in furtherance of the application.
- details of any assistance granted or likely to be granted to the applicant by his/her employer towards the cost of the project proposed to be undertaken.
- demonstrated agreement from the applicant's employer that, if the application is successful, the employer will provide the applicant the time required to undertake the study tour and reporting obligations
- applicants may wish to include a supportive statement from their employer
- an employer may make an application nominating one of their employees
- applicants are reminded of the importance of the substance and quality of their application.
- applicants should allow for a period of up to eight weeks for advice on the success or otherwise of their application

Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the ASCP Scholarship Committee following consideration of their application.

Requirements of Awardees

- the overseas tour should commence within six months of award of the Scholarship
- at least four weeks prior to embarking on the overseas tour, an awardee is to submit for the approval of the ASCP Scholarship Committee a final program of their proposed study tour, including details of Conference sessions to attend and other meetings and inspections planned, and associated costs
- an awardee shall be expected to adhere to the details of their approved program and itinerary, and any modification must have the prior approval of the ASCP Scholarship Committee.
- within two months of returning from overseas, the awardee is to submit to the ASCP Scholarship Committee a report summarising details from any conference attended or industry meetings held, and details of significant findings. The report shall be supported with relevant conference papers, technical publications, photographs and the like. The awardee shall also submit a paper and PowerPoint presentation suitable for presentation of the findings at an ASCP forum or other Australian conference, seminar or forum
- ASCP will hold 20% of the Scholarship value until satisfactory completion of the reporting requirements
- no claim will be made against ASCP for any other costs or expenses incurred additional to the amount of the Scholarship
- no investigation shall be undertaken on behalf of any other person or organisation without the express approval of the ASCP Scholarship Committee. If approved, any additional costs must be met by those other persons or organisations.
- illness, which reduces the effective tenure of an award, shall not automatically entitle the awardee to an extension of the original period of tenure, but the ASCP Scholarship Committee may, on application, grant any extension that they consider appropriate.
- an awardee shall make arrangements with their employer regarding continued payment of salary while overseas for the conduct of the Scholarship requirements, or for leave to be taken during that period overseas.

- claims for reimbursement of expenses, up to the value of the Scholarship award, must be accompanied with all relevant invoices (Tax Invoices for expenses incurred within Australia)
- all award recipients shall make adequate arrangements for health and accident insurance for overseas travel to the approval of the ASCP Scholarship Committee, prior to taking up their award.
- an awardee is not eligible to apply for another ASCP Scholarship for another five years

Grants may be suspended or terminated before the approved completion date if, in the opinion of the ASCP Scholarship Committee:

- the performance of the awardee is unsatisfactory, or
- he/she has failed to observe the Scholarship conditions, or
- the awardee has left the industry and is not in a position to continue with the Scholarship requirements.

Judging of Applications

ASCP elects a Scholarship Committee each year. The members of this Committee, individually and collectively, will assess the merits of any application received and recommend to the ASCP National Executive whether and to whom a Scholarship Award should be granted.

Members of the Scholarship Committee will be industry participants selected for their knowledge and expertise relevant to the nature of the applications received.

Neither the Scholarship Committee nor ASCP is required to grant a Scholarship in any given year. Their decision to do so will be based solely on the merit of the application and the value of the proposed study tour to the needs of the industry.

Neither ASCP nor the members of the ASCP Scholarship Committee are required to give reasons for not awarding a Scholarship Grant to any applicant.

Advice of outcome of Application

ASCP will advise any applicant of the success or otherwise of their application, preferably within eight weeks of the closing date for applications.

Kevin Abrams

Executive Director

[ASCP may revise the terms and conditions described in this document. Applicants should ensure that they have the current version].