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Rowen Travel Award 2006

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The Rowen Travel Award makes grants of between £1500 and £3000 to IStructE members who wish to spend four to six weeks outside their own country studying current practice or trends related to the use of any construction material in the field of structural engineering. The Institution is particularly keen to encourage take-up of the award in relation to innovative materials and construction techniques.

The Award provides an unrivalled opportunity to sample the technical, economic, social and political conditions in another country and to examine how these various factors affect the practice of structural engineering.

The study

The subject for the proposed study can be related to the use of any construction material in the context of structural engineering - concept, design, fabrication, erection or management/financing of the construction process. Proposals may be based on the needs of an employer, but the results of the study should be of general interest, must be fully available, and the report should be comprehensive in covering all aspects of the study.

Awards will be for a sum between £1,500 and £3,000, depending on the detailed programme agreed. Successful candidates will be required to complete a report of 5000 - 10000 words detailing what has been undertaken and setting out the conclusions drawn. An edited version may be published in The Structural Engineer and/or placed on the Institution's website. In suitable cases the report may be made the subject of an appropriate IStructE meeting.



How to enter

The Rowen Travel Award is open to applicants from all grades of IStructE membership but it is likely that the assessors will give preference to younger members.

For candidates in employment, it will be expected that any application is made with the agreement of the employer and that the employer undertakes to maintain the successful candidate in employment during the period of the study.

Applications must include:

- a detailed proposal (of around 800 - 1200 words) giving the objectives of the study, an itinerary of places and people to be visited (who should have already been contacted), and a statement of expected costs
- a brief CV of the applicant
- the names of two referees
- where appropriate, a supporting statement from the employer

Applications, marked "Confidential: Rowen Travel Award", should be sent to: **Elinor Bone, PA to Managing Director & Secretary, The Institution of Structural Engineers Educational Trust, 11 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1X 8BH, United Kingdom**, to arrive by Friday 16 December 2005. All applications will be acknowledged.

Applications will be assessed by a panel involving representatives appointed by the Institution of Structural Engineers Educational Trust. The decision of the assessors will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into with unsuccessful candidates.

Applicants deemed suitable for an Award will be interviewed. Interviews will be held in January and February 2006. For UK candidates these will take place in London, for those outside the UK a convenient location will be arranged.

Terms and conditions

The awards are administered by the Institution of Structural Engineers Educational Trust.

The report will be the property of the Educational Trust and be made available to IStructE.

The candidate's employer may supplement the award, but there must be no restriction on open disclosure and comment of all matters covered by the study for which the award was granted.