

EEFIT Research Grant Scheme – Call for Proposals

The EEFIT Research Grant supports short-term projects that will benefit earthquake (and related hazards) disaster mitigation and post-disaster reconnaissance efforts.

Applications are invited for this new research grant scheme. Up to TWO awards of £1,500 each will be made.

Eligibility

Eligible topics for the research grant include: hazard assessment, post-disaster impact assessment, field data collection tools, post-disaster data assessment methods, damage assessment techniques, mitigation measures, monitoring recovery and/or reconstruction, assessing resilience.

Applicants may be from any country/organisation and must be 18 or over.

Award Conditions

The grant winner will:

- allow outline details of the project to appear on the EEFIT website with the researcher's contact details
- provide EEFIT with a written report on the project, within 6 months of the award date; the report must include how the work relates to EEFIT's objectives.
- present the results of their research at an EEFIT evening meeting at the Institution of Structural Engineers.

It is important to note that £1000 will be paid upfront to the award winner and £500 on receipt of a project report of appropriate quality.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted electronically using the application form available from the EEFIT website at www.eefit.org.uk/grant

The deadline for applications is: **5pm on Friday 20th June 2014**

Applications should be emailed to mail@eefit.org.uk

Please be aware of the following guidelines when making your application:

- Projects comprising multiple studentships are allowed.
- Applications must be submitted by the main person to carry out the project, or in the case of an undergraduate, graduate or PhD student by the prospective academic supervisors.
- Applications submitted by undergraduate, graduate or PhD students will be disqualified.
- Each project must be submitted as a separate application. Where applicants submit multiple projects in a single application, all projects will be disqualified and may be refused resubmission.
- All supporting documentation must be submitted with the application by the closing date. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

The application form

The application form must be used to submit the following information:

- Description of research question and proposed project
- Statement of impact of research
- Statement on how the project meets the judging criteria (see below)
- Summary of track record of applicant or supervisor
- Detailed justification of resources required (to include a breakdown of costs)
- Work plan.

If a student has been identified for this project then their name should be cited on the form in the section on summary of track record and their short CV should be appended to the form.

Where match-funds have been secured, a letter of confirmation from the project partner should be appended to the application form.

Where match-funds will be sought post-award, target project partners should be cited on the form in the section on detailed justification for resources required.

Judging Criteria

The proposals will be judged by the EEFIT Management Committee and must demonstrate it meets the following judging criteria:

- benefit to EEFIT membership
- level of innovation
- quality of research
- feasibility of project.

Applications are welcomed from people at any stage in their career and an applicant's track record will be considered in light of the length of their career.

Notification of outcome

All applications will be reviewed by the EEFIT Management Committee and results will be announced by the 11th July 2014.

Further information

Contact the EEFIT Secretary: Berenice Chan (Email: mail@eefit.org.uk) or
Tel: 020 7201 9125.