G.J. Jackson Memorial Fellowship

The Fellowship was established in 1987 by the Steel Structures Education Foundation (SSEF) and now presented annually by the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC). Mr. Jackson was for many years a leader in the Canadian structural steel fabrication industry, and through his vision and dedication, was the driving force in establishing the SSEF.

The Fellowship award is in the amount of $25,000, distributed over twelve months.

Who is eligible?
The Fellowship is available to students who will be admitted in the following academic year to a first to fourth year of full-time graduate studies in structural engineering, with major emphasis on the study of steel structures. Candidates for either a Master's Degree or a Doctoral Degree are eligible to apply, but Master's students entering their third or fourth year must also provide a detailed program schedule with justification. A candidate transferring from a Masters to a PHD program shall be eligible for an additional four years from the date of transfer. A candidate may be awarded the Fellowship only once.

The Fellowship is normally awarded for tenure in Canadian universities. Under exceptional circumstances, the Fellowship may be awarded for tenure in a university outside of Canada. Tenure of the Fellowship normally commences on September 1st of the year of the award, but tenure may, upon request, commence as early as May 1st for an applicant entering the second year of graduate studies.

Conditions
The recipient must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.

A recipient may accept other awards, and there is no limit on their value.

A recipient may demonstrate, instruct or accept employment such as a teaching or contract research assistantship, for up to 300 hours per annum, provided that the student's supervisor considers it acceptable, and not likely to hinder the progress of the student's academic work.

A recipient, upon completion of his/her degree, is obliged to submit a copy of his/her Thesis or a detailed final report to the attention of the undersigned.

Any change in the course of studies or the research programme, or in the university tenure, may result in cancellation of the award.

CISC encourages all Fellowship recipients, upon completion, to submit a paper to a recognized engineering publication such as the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering.

Failure to provide all the requested information in the application will result in disqualification.

Application instructions and deadlines
Applications must be received by the CISC no later than the date indicated on the poster.

No applications forms are provided. Each applicant must submit a written application enclosing the following information. Items c) through h) shall not exceed 10 pages.

a) Official transcript(s) of the applicant's undergraduate academic record to date, and graduate academic record, if applicable.

b) Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.

c) Choice of research program.

d) Rationale for course of study.

e) A description of the applicant's perceived benefits to the Canadian steel industry.

f) Community/university involvement and extracurricular activities.

g) Work experience.

h) Intended career goals; i.e. consulting, fabrication, academia, etc.

i) A recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or department head.

Applicants may be requested to participate in a conference call with selection committee members.

Announcement and payment
The winner is announced no later than February 28th of each year. Payments are made in three instalments ($8,500, $8,500 and $8,000) at four-month intervals. The first payment will be made following notification from the student's supervisor of the date on which the student expects to begin work under the terms of the award. The second and third payment will be made upon receipt of reports of satisfactory progress from the student's supervisor and full-time enrollment.

Applications must be emailed to:
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