

Liu Huixian Earthquake Engineering Scholarship Award

Description and Guidelines

Article 1 General Provisions

To honor the late Professor Liu Huixian, widely recognized as 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 referred to as the “Scholarship Award” or the “Award.”

The purpose of the Award is to encourage graduate students in earthquake engineering to pursue research and academic careers. This document sets forth 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) Each awardee may choose one of the following award options:

Option 1: A cash award of RMB 10,000 or US \$1,500.

Option 2: A seven- to ten-day academic visit to a university or research institute in China, such as the Institute of Engineering Mechanics, China Earthquake Administration. Under this option, round-trip economy airfare from the awardee’s home city to China, living expenses, and local expenses will be covered by the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation. The purpose of the visit is to introduce awardees to earthquake engineering research activities in China and to help them develop contacts for future research collaboration. The visit should typically be completed within one year of the award announcement to facilitate planning and budgeting.

(3) Each applicant must be recommended by their research adviser and endorsed by a department/division head or by three faculty members of the applicant’s institution.

Article 3 Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Full-time enrollment in a master’s or doctoral degree program in earthquake engineering or a closely related field.
- Enrollment at a university or research institute in China, the United States, Singapore, or at a member center of the Asian-Pacific Network of Centers for Earthquake Engineering Research (ANCER).
- Age 30 or younger by December 31, 2026.

Article 4 Application Procedures

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

(2) A group of finalists may be selected and may be requested to participate in an interview in person, by phone, or through other media.

- (3) Winners will be announced in the fall of each year on the website of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation: <http://www.hxeef.cn/>.

Article 5 Application Materials

All application materials must be submitted electronically to the Secretariat of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation by e-mail at hxeef@iem.cn. Complete application materials should be submitted as a single PDF file and should include:

- Completed application form.
- Official transcripts, either scanned originals or registrar-issued electronic versions.
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's research adviser.
- One letter of recommendation from the head of the department/division of the applicant's university or institute, or recommendation letters from three faculty members.
- Copies of up to five refereed journal publications.
- A personal statement of 1,000 to 2,000 words outlining the applicant's research experience and achievements in earthquake engineering or related fields, describing current research projects, and discussing future research and professional plans after completion of the current degree.
- Additional supporting documents, if any.

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 hxeef@iem.cn or <http://www.hxeef.cn/>.
- (3) Awardees are required to report their annual research progress to the Secretariat of the Huixian Earthquake Engineering Foundation by December 31 each year until graduation. Awardees are also required to notify the Secretariat when they begin their first professional position after graduation.

Article 7 Bylaws

- (1) The Foundations reserve the right to interpret, modify, and administer the evaluation process as deemed necessary.
- (2) These Regulations will become effective on the day they are announced.