The St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is pleased to invite applications for the first annual GeoConfluence Research Scholarship starting Fall 2016. Civil engineering graduate students pursuing a Master (thesis option) or Ph.D. specializing in Geotechnical/Geoenvironmental engineering at Midwestern universities are encouraged to apply.

BACKGROUND:

The GeoConfluence Research Scholarship is established by the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of ASCE with the objective to promote research in the field of geotechnical/geoenvironmental engineering. The Scholarship seeks research that would benefit the state of practice in the Midwest. A sum total up to $3,000 will be awarded in the Fall of 2016 to cover costs for specific educational tools & equipment, materials, and travel needed to fulfill a thesis/dissertation. An applicant is expected to propose the importance of one’s research and its benefit to geotechnical/geoenvironmental engineering practice.

The GeoConfluence Research Scholarship is administered by a subcommittee within the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of ASCE. The subcommittee will award the research scholarship competitively based on several factors: beneficial to the Midwestern state of practice; sufficiently stated in narrative to comprehend how regional engineers might use the research; and needed fiscally as added funding to complete the research. The Geo-Institute would hope that the research would produce one or more scholarly articles in the peer-reviewed journals and conferences. The recipient of the scholarship must present their results at a future GeoConfluence, an annual geotechnical conference organized by the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of ASCE.

ELIGIBILITY:

Current civil engineering graduate students enrolled in Master/PhD program specializing in geotechnical/geoenvironmental engineering from an ABET-accredited Midwestern university. They should be beginning or midway in their approved thesis/dissertation research. Students towards the end of the thesis/dissertation should not apply.

Applicants are encouraged to be members of ASCE. Information about ASCE and the St. Louis Section can be found on http://sections.asce.org/stlouis.
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SCHEDULE:

The proposed schedule for the application and award of 2016 GeoConfluence Research Scholarship follows.

April 28, 2016 - Call for Applications

June 15, 2016 - Availability of blank applications and instructions on the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of the ASCE website (http://sections.asce.org/stlouis/GEI/GEI.htm)

September 30, 2016 - Deadline for RECEIPT of applications

November 4, 2016 - Award of the research scholarship at GeoConfluence, an annual conference of the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of ASCE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applications must be submitted to the subcommittee for GeoConfluence Research Scholarship by the deadline set in the Schedule section. The application package shall include the following.

1. Application Form
2. Research Statement
3. Financial Statement
4. Letters of Recommendation, maximum of three

The application and research statement forms will be available for download on the St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute of ASCE website from the date mentioned in the Schedule. The research statement includes an abstract and a summary of the research goal and its benefit to the current state of Midwestern US geotechnical practice. The financial statement shall discuss present funding sources and how this research award might be applied. Greater consideration in application evaluation will be given to the research benefit to the state of practice than the need for funding. Letters of recommendation should be from people who are familiar with your academic and professional capability. One letter of recommendation should be from your academic thesis/dissertation advisor.

Send complete application package no later than deadline to:

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