

ELECTRI INTERNATIONAL Early Career Award (EIECA)

Program Objectives

This program seeks to create early career interaction between faculty in the engineering and construction management disciplines and the electrical construction industry. It is intended to provide support early in the careers of faculty who wish to pursue projects and programs that will (1) increase the visibility of the electrical contracting industry in U.S. colleges and universities, and (2) promote long-term relationships between university faculty and ELECTRI International (EI) research programs and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) contractors.

Funding

ELECTRI International expects to award 4-5 Early Career Awards annually in the amount of \$10K

Example Projects

- Pilot studies on key issues facing the electrical construction industry
- Development of electrical construction course materials
- Other innovative activities that will help advance the electrical construction industry.

Eligibility

Engineering and construction management faculty at U.S. colleges and universities with the rank of assistant professor are eligible to submit proposals. Recipients of the award will become ineligible for future Early Career Awards, however these individuals will be strongly encouraged to submit proposals to other EI research programs. An EIECA pilot study might be used as the basis for a subsequent larger scale EI research project.

Selection

Proposals will be reviewed by the ELECTRI International Program Review Committee and ranked based on intellectual merit, innovation, student engagement, and the level of interaction the proposed activity will promote between the grantee and the electrical construction industry. Eight-ten finalists will be invited to the summer EI Research program meeting (July 14-15, 2008 in Chicago, IL). At this meeting, ELECTRI International members will vote upon the final ranking of proposals. The top finalists will be awarded funding. Travel support up to \$750 will be made available to all finalists. Reservation for travel must be made through Executive Travel. More information will be provided if your proposal is short listed.

Funding Requirements

No matching funds are required however applicants are encouraged to seek matching funds through their respective colleges and universities. Funds will be distributed to selected projects in the form of an unrestricted gift to the University in support of the faculty member, and may be used for student support, faculty salary, and travel.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals for Early Career Awards are due on April 10, 2008 at 5pm EST

Proposal should be submitted as a *single PDF file* electronically using the attached form. Include at least **one letter of support** from department head/chair and a **2-page NSF format vita**.

Completed proposals should be sent via email attachment to:
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Learn more about ELECTRI International and NECA at www.necanet.org

Last Name First Name

Institution Email

Phone

Project Title

Project Description

Specific Project Objectives

Types of interaction the project will create with the Electrical Construction Industry and the faculty / institution (list specific companies and/or NECA Chapters if applicable).

Expected outcomes of this project

Milestone activities and completion dates