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**Mike Rutherford Memorial Scholarship**

**Professional ACA Conference Attendance 2025 Scholarship**

**About the Scholarship**

The purpose of this Scholarship is to support an individual who is involved in the construction or asset management industry, as an engineering professional or student, for attendance at the ACA annual conference, or an ACA training course. This award is open to applicants from all areas of the construction and/or corrosion related industries including, but not limited to asset owners/managers, materials suppliers, consultants, contractors, students, scientists, engineers and technicians.

This award is funded from donations received from the ACA Foundation Centurions.

**About the ACA Foundation Limited**

ACA Foundation Limited was created for the advancement of corrosion education for the benefit of the broader community. The Foundation’s range of activities focus on Scholarships and development of corrosion related educational resources.

The ACA Foundation Limited is financially supported by The Australasian Corrosion Association Inc., its various Branches and members.

**About Mike Rutherford**

Mike Rutherford was the ACA Foundation Chair of Directors from 2022-2023 who passed away in late 2023. Mike ran a specialist consulting company, Conspectus, operating in the field of repair and durability of structures. Mike was himself a recipient of an ACA Foundation travel scholarship in 2013 and used the funding to assist him to visit several international organisations. He shared that information with numerous ACA members for many years after his return to Australia. Mike’s long-term contribution to the corrosion and concrete repair industries is commemorated by this Scholarship.

**Detailed Description of the Scholarship**

Number of Scholarships available 1 per year

Value of each Scholarship $2,500 contribution to ACA conference or training course

Scholarship application open 1 July 2025

Scholarship application close 15 August 2025

Scholarship announced 15 September 2025

The Scholarship is in the form of a A$2,500 contribution towards attending the ACA annual conference or an ACA training course.

It is expected the scholarship recipient will provide a brief report of their conference experience including an outline of the following:

* Introduction of the individual
* What has been the key benefit to them as a result of attending the conference?
* What will they take away from the conference for future?
* Provide thanks to their sponsors –ACAF Centurions

**Guidelines for Eligibility for the Scholarship**

1. Applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand
2. If requested, applicants must provide a copy of their birth certificates or proof of residency/citizenship.
3. An application form must be completed and submitted to the ACA Foundation Limited by the deadline, including the following details;

* Name & Contact Details
* Company/Institution Details
* Academic, conference/courses and work histories
* 250 word outline in support of the application
* Letter of support from company/institution
* 2 referees

1. Applications for an ACA Foundation Limited Scholarship are made directly to the ACA Foundation.
2. Scholarships are only awarded in response to applications. If no applications have been received, that the judging panel believe warrant a Scholarship, then no Scholarship will be awarded.
3. The applicant must demonstrate that their employer or educational institution will support their application and participation in the Scholarship.
4. The ACA Foundation Limited Scholarship judging panel will be determined by the ACA Foundation Limited Board
5. The judges reserve the right to request a brief presentation via teleconference with short listed applicants.
6. The ACA Foundation Limited Judging Panel’s decision is final.
7. The Scholarship’s shall be judged upon the following criteria:

* Ability to present a clear and concise case
* Referee’s comments
* ACA Foundation’s focus on access, equity and participation

1. Each Scholarship recipient will be contacted by the ACA Foundation and their names/images will appear in ACA and ACA Foundation Limited publications~~.~~