



NAT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Provided by UCA and RETC

Guidelines and Procedures



<p>OVERVIEW</p>	<p>NAT Conference participating scholarships are for the biennial international conferences. The conferences are dedicated to the exchange of new developments in the technology of underground rapid excavation and tunneling on a global scale.</p> <p>Participating scholarships are provided by RETC and UCA to selected students with an opportunity to attend the conference where they can experience first-hand the challenges, opportunities and rewards of a career in the field of tunneling and underground construction.</p> <p>The goals of the scholarships are to increase exposure of available career opportunities in the underground industry and provide educational and networking opportunities to future underground industry professionals.</p>												
<p>SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p>Scholarship recipients will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one-year student membership to the Underground Construction Association (UCA), a division of SME • Conference Registration with access to the technical sessions and exhibit hall • Invitation to all networking events • Conference Proceedings • Up to \$1,500 travel reimbursement to the conference (these funds are intended to cover travel costs associated with the conference and recipients will need to provide an expense account following the conference.) 												
<p>TIMELINE</p>	<p>The Attendance Scholarship adheres to the following timeline:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1171 1477 1470"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Task</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>February 14</td> <td>Launch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 29</td> <td>Application deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 15</td> <td>Selection deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 20</td> <td>Applicant notification deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 15-18</td> <td>NAT Conference</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Task	February 14	Launch	March 29	Application deadline	April 15	Selection deadline	April 20	Applicant notification deadline	June 15-18	NAT Conference
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<p>APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS</p>	<p>All applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 • Pursuing a BS, MS, or Ph.D. degree in Tunneling, Civil, Geological, Mining, or Mechanical Engineering • Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in underground construction/ tunneling 												
<p>RECIPIENT SELECTION</p>	<p>The Conference Attendance Scholarship is administered by the Underground Construction Association (UCA) and Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Committee (RETC), in conjunction with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME). The scholarship will be awarded based on an evaluation by the committee and approved by the UCA and RETC Executive Committee. (NOTE: preference will be given to students enrolled in U.S. universities.)</p>												