

The Allan Widger Consulting Corporation Grant for Young Geotechnical Engineers in Transportation

This award supports a young geotechnical engineer working in transportation to attend and participate in the annual Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Conference and Exhibition, as well as TAC's spring and fall technical meetings.



GRANT

The grant provides up to \$5,000 to one young professional each year and will be awarded as a travel stipend. Expenses up to \$3,500 will be reimbursed after the Conference and fall technical meetings, and expenses up to \$1,500 will be reimbursed after the spring technical meetings.

The grant recipient will attend fall meetings of the Pavements Standing Committee and the Soils and Materials Standing Committee, followed by the TAC Conference and Exhibition. The recipient will also attend meetings of the Pavements Standing Committee and the Soils and Materials Standing Committee the following spring. The recipient is encouraged to attend other TAC meetings that are of interest.

The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement (up to the limits noted above):

- Conference registration (at TAC's Young Professional rate)
- Companion program registration
- Travel costs (economy airfare/train/bus/car mileage) for grant recipient and companion
- Ground transportation to/from airport
- Hotel accommodations



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- Be 35 years old or less on December 31, 2019
- Hold at least a Master's degree in Geotechnical Engineering (or equivalent)
- Be employed by a TAC member organization
- Have at least three years of work experience in the transportation field
- Not be a full-time student

Candidates agree to attend the spring and fall technical meetings of the Pavements and Soils and Materials Standing Committees as well as the TAC Conference and Exhibition. They also agree to submit a one-page report following the spring and fall meetings, suitable for publication on TAC's website/social media, with event highlights and comments about how participation will benefit her/his professional development.

Past grant recipients may re-apply, but will be considered only if they are presenting in a session at the TAC Conference.



APPLICATION

By February 8, 2019 any interested candidates should submit a résumé and a letter (no more than two pages long) summarizing her/his work accomplishments, reasons for wanting to attend the TAC Conference and technical meetings, and the anticipated benefits of doing so.



EVALUATION AND SELECTION

A selection committee will evaluate applications and select the most suitable candidate. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the grant in any given year.

The grant recipient will be contacted **by March 31, 2019** in order to plan travel and register to attend the fall meetings and the TAC Conference and Exhibition.

For more information, or to submit an application for the **Allan Widger Consulting Corporation Grant for Young Geotechnical Engineers in Transportation**, please contact:

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