



## 2021 Research Project of the Year Award Nomination Details

Since 2012, the Slag Cement Association (SCA) has been running its awards program which honors outstanding projects utilizing slag cement in innovative ways throughout the United States. Last year, the SCA will be incorporating a research award category to the program.

### Qualifications:

- Research projects in the USA or Canada completed or scheduled to be completed between January 1, 2020 and September 1, 2021
- Research projects must be conducted by a U.S. or Canadian University or College and must include the use of slag cement (Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag) in the project.

### Instructions:

- **Candidates must fill out page 3 to be returned with the application packet.**
- **The research award category will require an overview/paper between 2-4 pages discussing your project, research, and findings. Review criteria can be found below.**
- **Winning projects will receive a \$1,000 stipend toward expenses to attend the awards ceremony at the spring 2022 [American Concrete Institute Convention](#) in Orlando, FL.**
- The more complete your application is, the easier it will be for judges to evaluate the merits of your project. The judging panel—the SCA Technical and Marketing Committee—will not perform additional research on any project beyond what is presented on this form and attachments. **In addition to completing this form and submitting the paper, you may submit additional supporting information**, including more detailed project descriptions, photos (as prints or in high-resolution digital format, 300 dpi .jpg or .tif), videos, testimonials, from project team members, project reports/test data, articles, past awards—anything that will help.
- Complete the form to the best of your ability. Clearly label every component, including attachments and images, with the name of your project and your contact information. Return it to Lacey Stachel, SCA Marketing Manager:
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  - mail: Lacey Stachel  
Slag Cement Association  
38800 Country Club Drive  
Farmington Hills MI 48331
- **Deadline:** entry forms must be **received** by SCA no later than November 1st, 2020.
- Projects for awards will be selected by January 14, 2022.
- Presentation of the awards is being planned during a session at the Spring 2022 ACI Convention in Orlando Florida. The session will likely be in the morning of Wednesday, March 30th, but exact venue and dates are yet to be confirmed.
- Awarded research projects will also be presented at the ACI 233 Ground Slag in Concrete Meeting during the ACI 2022 Spring Convention. Exact venue and dates TBD.

**Review Criteria:**

Papers will be reviewed by the SCA Technical Marketing Committee for their contribution to slag cement research and use. Specific criteria and information we're looking for include:

- Problem: Importance of the research question
- Ideas: Theoretical base and conceptual contribution
- Approach: Adequacy and sensitivity of research design and methods
- Findings: Contribution to existing knowledge
- Presentation of data: Clear presentation of data linked to the research objectives and research problem
- Organization: Logical organization of the paper
- Contribution to the slag cement industry
- Contribution to concrete industry

**Publication and Copyright Release:** *Project descriptions, photographs, and any other materials submitted with the Awards Form may be used by SCA for press releases, social media, publications, and posting on the SCA website. By submitting the materials for your project, you are providing permission to SCA to use the information, including copyrighted material, without restriction and on a royalty-free basis.*

## **General Project Information**

Project Name:

University:

Professor Name:

Student Name(s):

Address/Location:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Project completion or scheduled completion date:

Project Work Duration:

Brief Project Overview (200 words max):

## **Attached Documents**

You are encouraged to submit videos, testimonials, links to relevant articles on the project, photos and any other supporting material that will help the SCA better understand your project and its significance.

Photos/Slides

Reports

Testimonials

Other (specify):

### **Submitted by**

Name:

Date:

Company:

Address:

Email:

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