

Concrete PhD Research Award

The Concrete PhD Research Award formerly known as the National Engineering Bursary is a biennial award made to final year post graduate students studying engineering, chemistry, materials science, building science and other relevant subjects which contribute to the research knowledge base of concrete in Australia.

For the 2025 awards, eligible theses are those completed in 2023 and 2024, the years prior to the Biennial Conference of the Concrete Institute of Australia.

The award will be made for excellence in thesis work on concrete and cement-based products and processes. Eligible topics could be related to concrete, concrete admixtures, cement, cementitious materials, reinforcement, related design and construction procedures, contributions to improvements in sustainability, and the like.

To be eligible, the student must have been a resident in Australia during the completion of the thesis, studying at an Australian academic institution with the research having been principally conducted in Australia.

The overall value of the award is approximately \$5,000 and consists of a cash prize of \$2,500, and registration, accommodation and fares to attend the 2025 Biennial Conference which will be held in Adelaide, South Australia on 8-10 September, 2025.

The winning entry will be recognised during the Conference, and the author will be asked to prepare a paper and present on his/her thesis at the Conference.

The assessors will be suitably qualified persons nominated by the Concrete Institute of Australia. They will be guided, but not wholly bound, by the following parameters – value to industry and the professions, value to the community, thoroughness of the investigation, clarity of the exposition, and presentation.

Concrete 2025

8-10 September 2025, Adelaide, South Australia.

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SUBMISSIONS

- The nomination of these are to be made by the Head of Department of the tertiary institution concerned or the thesis supervisor. They may nominate as many entries as they see fit, provided only one thesis for each chosen topic is nominated. There is no entry charge.
- Submissions are to be forwarded electronically to the **Chief Executive Officer, Concrete Institute of Australia** at exec@concreteinstitute.com.au by **30 April 2025**. Each submission is to be accompanied by a letter or email from the student's Head of Department certifying that it is the student's work, and that the thesis has met the institution's academic requirements.
- The format is to be electronic but a recognised thesis format, A4 size and bound, can also be sent. Only one bound copy is to be submitted and the Concrete Institute of Australia shall retain this for library use.



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