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**PCI Accepting Research Fellowship Proposals for the 2012-2013 Academic Year**

*Selected proposals will be awarded \$20,000*

**CHICAGO – January 12, 2012** – The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) is now accepting research proposals for the 2012-2013 school year under the Daniel P. Jenny Fellowship program. Selected proposals will be awarded \$20,000.

The Daniel P. Jenny Fellowship program is intended primarily for the support of candidates for master's-degree-level research related to precast/prestressed concrete. Ph.D. candidates will also be considered. The program encourages innovative ideas and promotes interaction of student proposers with industry partners. Last academic year, eight proposals were selected by the PCI Research and Development Council to be honored with Daniel P. Jenny Research Fellowships.

Proposals should clearly describe the application of the proposed research to precast/prestressed concrete, potential contribution to the state of the art, timeliness of the proposed research, and possible impact on the industry market. Support from a PCI Producer Member (or members) is an essential part of the program and ensures that the research results or implementation plan has possible benefits to PCI and its members. Fellowships generally conclude with a master's degree thesis and a summary paper published in the *PCI Journal*.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to PCI's managing director of research and development, Roger Becker, at [rbecker@pci.org](mailto:rbecker@pci.org) no later than February 20, 2012. Selected proposals will be announced by April 30, 2012.

Instructions and a summary of the evaluation criteria are available on the PCI website, along with a list of potential research topics of interest to the industry. To access this information, visit <http://pci.org/cms/index.cfm/tech/research>.

For more information on the fellowship program, contact Roger Becker at (312) 360-3213 or [rbecker@pci.org](mailto:rbecker@pci.org).

**About PCI**

Founded in 1954, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) is the foremost developer of standards and methods for designing, fabricating, and constructing precast concrete structures. PCI also operates the world's leading certification program for firms and individuals in the precast concrete structures



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industry. Institute members include firms comprising the precast concrete structures industry as well as architects, consultants, contractors, developers, educators, engineers, materials suppliers, service providers, and students.

PCI develops, maintains, and disseminates the industry's body of knowledge and publishes a broad array of periodicals, technical manuals, reports, and other informational documents, including an award-winning technical journal. Additionally, PCI offers a variety of continuing education options, technical conferences, conventions, exhibitions, and awards programs. For more information, visit [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org).

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