

Announcement

\$5,000 FELLOWSHIP TO BE AWARDED IN 2026 FOR WATER RESOURCES STUDY

The J. Walter Porter Memorial Fund—a trust fund under Texas Section of American Society of Civil Engineers ("ASCE Texas Porter Fund"), was established in 1978 to finance periodic individual **fellowships for graduate study and/or research in Water Resources Engineering**. The Fund will award a \$5,000 stipend to a successful applicant in 2026.

The \$5,000 stipend will be awarded to an applicant who is a graduate student currently doing study and/or research in water resources engineering in Texas who demonstrates outstanding ability and promise of excellence in engineering. The recipient will be selected by the Trustees of the ASCE Texas Porter Fund based on eligible applications received by the end of day Friday, February 13, 2026.

Awardee obligations, include filing a short formal report with the Trustees at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 academic year and preparing a paper on the results of the study and/or research for possible presentation at the 2026 Texas Civil Engineering Conference ([CECON™](#)), which is scheduled for September 16-18. If presentation is accepted, registration and approved travel expenses up to \$600 will be covered by the Fund in addition to the \$5,000 award.

Some of the information required on the fellowship application includes:

1. Description and objectives of program study and/or research for work conducted during the 2025-2026 academic year;
2. Applicant educational background;
Applicant Work experience; and
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation by persons familiar with the applicant's educational and/or professional background, both with reference to the applicant's potential to benefit from the fellowship.

At the time of the award, the recipient must have a student or professional member [ASCE profile](#). Student membership is free!

One (1) Fellowship will be awarded in 2026. Apply online at [www.TexasASCE.org/students](https://www.texasce.org/students) by February 13, 2026.

Questions may be directed to the trustees at porterfellowship@texasce.org.

J. WALTER PORTER MEMORIAL 2025-2026 FUND TRUSTEES

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2026 ASCE Texas Porter Fund Application Judging Matrix

Criteria	Max Pts
ASCE Member	10
Texas-based Research	10
Program Study / Research	20
Educational Background	20
Work Experience	20
Recommendations	20
Score	100

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