



## **Faculty Continuing Education Grant**

### **Goals/Purpose**

- Encourage mechanical construction contractors, mechanical service contractors, plumbing contractors and/or those companies that supply products and services to the mechanical contracting industry (hereinafter referred to as “the industry”) to employ a faculty member during the summer months or otherwise on a part-time basis by subsidizing his/her salary with a Faculty Continuing Education Grant.
- Provide a mutually beneficial opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the industry and academics.
- Enhance the students’ learning experience in the classroom as a result of the faculty member’s knowledge/experience gained and shared from working in the industry.
- Increase the faculty member’s awareness of the various opportunities available to student interns, co-ops, and new hires in the industry which will lead to promoting and encouraging students to enter the industry as a career choice.
- Provide faculty member with an opportunity to learn emerging technology, trends, and best practices of the industry.
- Potential to provide an MCAA member company with project management assistance if current employee resources are not available.

### **Suggested Areas of Assistance**

- Provide project management, estimating, scheduling, and proposal preparation assistance.
- Develop specific case study(s) relevant to the sponsoring company.
- Develop and/or assist with training programs and materials.

## Requirements for Application

- **Faculty candidate is responsible for selecting the sponsoring company.**
- **Faculty candidate is responsible for negotiating their summer salary which would be subsidized by the continuing education grant.**
- **Faculty candidate required to submit grant application for review and approval by the MCAA Career Development Committee and to include:**
  - Sponsoring company name and contact person, telephone, fax, email address
  - Description of proposed summer activities
  - Brief narrative of how this summer opportunity will benefit the sponsoring company, faculty member/institution, and promote the industry to students.
- **Sponsoring company must be an MCAA member.**
- **Faculty candidate must be at an institution with an established MCAA Student Chapter (or to-be chartered chapter within the academic year immediately following the summer employment).**
- **Grant proceeds will be paid directly to the faculty member.**
- **Faculty candidate must complete a survey regarding his/her employment experience prior to the issuance of the grant funds.**

## Grant

The Career Development Committee will determine the grant amount to be awarded to approved applicants. Notification of the award will occur on or about July 1. Grant funds will be mailed on or about August 15.

## Request Information

Grant requests should be submitted to:

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**Due Date:** June 1 annually