

## **2nd IPA Research Grant Award**

### **Call for Research Proposals**

Submission period: **15 April – 30 June 2008**

Proposals must be submitted to the [IPA Secretariat](#) by email.

No proposals will be accepted after this date.

#### **The IPA starts calling for the 2nd research grants proposal.**

The IPA intends to grant up to five IPA Research Grants in response to this call, each with a maximum value of US\$10,000. The Grants will run for a 12 month period (1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010) for research activity. The [2nd Research Grant Award](#) winners will be invited to the 2nd and 3rd IPA International Workshops.

This 2nd call for research proposals asks that proposals choose topics from the [Map of Research and Development](#). The Award Committee particularly wishes to encourage proposals linked to two key themes:

<b>Key Themes</b>	<b>1. Acquisition and analysis of information during pile press-in</b>
	<b>2. Achievement of construction target</b>

#### **Evaluation**

The Selection Committee, appointed by the Award Committee, will comprise:

Dr Tagaya	The Award Committee Chairman	(Emeritus Professor, Kochi National College of Technology)
Mr Kitamura	IPA Honorary Chairman	(President, Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.)
Prof. Bolton	IPA Chairman	(Professor, University of Cambridge)
Prof. White	IPA Director	(Professor, University of Western Australia)
Mr Iizuka	IPA Director	(Fellow, The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Dr Okumura	IPA Secretary General	(Director Research, Engineering Advancement Association of Japan)

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

1. Contribution to science and technology	Weight 1 to 4
2. Possibility of achievement	Weight 1 to 4
3. Practicability, possibility of application	Weight 1 to 5
4. Educational value for younger research engineers	Weight 1 to 3
5. Contribution to quality, sustainability, safety and improvement of construction environment	Weight 1 to 5
6. Promotion of press-in method, contribution to particular countries and local areas, effect of investment, etc.	Weight 1 to 3

The Selection Committee may seek further information from the Principal Investigator following receipt of the proposals.

## Schedule

Details and the latest schedule will be announced at the IPA website.

**1. 15 April – 30 June 2008**

Proposals must be submitted to the IPA Secretariat. No proposals will be accepted after this date.

**2. 30 September 2008**

Successful applicants will be informed by the IPA Award Committee.

**3. 11-12 December 2008**

The 2nd Workshop will be held in New Orleans, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, USA. The 2nd Research Grant Award winners will be invited and requested to make a presentation of their research plans at the workshop. Travel and accommodation costs of PIs will be met by IPA.

This workshop will also include presentations from the 1st Research Grant Award winners, lectures and discussion about the Press-in Engineering.

**4. April 2009**

The IPA Administrative Committee will send the research grant to winners' bank accounts.

**5. 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010**

The grants will run for a 12 month period for research activity.

**6. April – June 2010**

The IPA Award Committee will request to submit an interim report.

**7. June – September 2010**

The IPA Award Committee will request to submit the final papers.

**8. November 2010 – March 2011 (Plan)**

The 2nd Research Grant Award winners will be invited to make presentations at the 3rd IPA International Workshop.

## Proposal Format

The proposal format can be downloaded from the IPA website mentioned below. You may also open the format with one click on the above linked title.

Proposals should be sent to the [IPA Secretariat \(tokyo@press-in.org\)](mailto:tokyo@press-in.org) by email attachment in Acrobat or Word format.