ASSEF & NIOSH Seek Research Ideas

Do you have ideas for research that would enhance occupational safety programs?

As part of a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) grant to promote occupational safety research, the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF) is sponsoring a cash awards competition to generate innovative ideas for occupational safety research. ASSEF is seeking to tap the experience and expertise of safety professionals, academicians, researchers, students, employers and employees to develop ideas for research that will help prevent workplace injuries and fatalities. A total of $13,000 will be divided among the winners.

Through evaluation of national fatality and injury data, including the insight of ASSE’s membership overall, ASSEF has identified four key areas for research:

• slips, trips and falls;
• machine guarding;
• electrocution;
• materials handling.

These future research initiatives could be a significant advancement in the prevention of workplace injuries and fatalities, and could improve the effectiveness and efficiency of occupational safety programs.

The competition is open to any individual or group except those participating in its sponsorship. Persons excluded include employees of NIOSH, ASSE and their immediate families.


Research Grant Awarded

Auburn University student Lewis N. Payton has received an $8,275 grant from the ASSE Foundation to support his research project titled, “Adaptive Safety Control of the Metal Cutting Process with Machine Vision.” Based on his presentation to the Foundation, his study was selected for its potential to establish risk-control principles in the production machining process.

Payton’s project is focused on investigating effective interventions for traumatic-injury prevention, adaptive risk-control principles in the production machining process, reduction/elimination of disease risk from production machining process cutting fluids and establishing workstation risk-control criteria.

Payton states his research could also lead to development of an adaptive control system that reacts to the hardness of the material being machined, which could result in reduction of work-piece vibration and reduce or eliminate the use of current metal-cutting fluids. Further, the project will help model the system safety of a manufacturing production cell and examine other ways to reduce the interaction of the worker with the system, thereby reducing injury risks.

For information about ASSE Foundation’s research grants contact Mary Goranson, Foundation manager at (847) 768-3412, or visit www.asse.org/foundat.htm.

ASSEF/AIHF Offer Research Grant

As part of a new partnership forged between ASSE and the American Industrial Hygiene Assn., the respective foundations of each organization are teaming to offer a joint safety and health research grant. Both foundations are taking applications for the $12,000 grant, which will be awarded to a researcher for conducting applied research that would help reduce injury and illness in the workplace.

To obtain a copy of the application form, visit www.asse.org/foundat.htm.
Ford Funds Safety & Health Scholarship for Women

ASSEF received a $45,000 grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund. The funds will support a scholarship program for women pursuing a degree in safety and health. Ford joins General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler Corp. in giving to the Foundation. “We are delighted to have the support of Ford Motor Co.,” says Ed Granberry, Foundation Chair. In addition to supporting the Foundation, Ford has more than 80 employees who are members of ASSE.

“The safety of our people is paramount to Ford,” says Dr. Vincent Kerr, Director of Healthcare Management for Ford. “We will not compromise on safety; and programs that support this commitment are of vital importance. We commend the ASSE Foundation for making these kinds of scholarship opportunities available to students and professionals. We rely on partnerships with organizations like ASSE to enhance our efforts to adopt programs and processes that protect the well-being of our employees and their families.”

The scholarship will be introduced this fall with four awards of $3,375 each.

Liberty Mutual Funds Fellowship Program

For the third consecutive year, Liberty Mutual has contributed $30,000 to support the Foundation’s safety research initiatives. This summer, the Foundation and the Liberty Mutual Research Center (LMRC) will be offering two safety research fellowships at the LMRC in Hopkinton, MA. The program is designed to encourage research activity in safety; expand and stimulate participants’ understanding of safety research; and provide a forum for linking safety professionals, industry needs and quality research programs.

The candidates are:

• Andrew Lincoln, Sc.D., M.S., Johns Hopkins University
• Jeff S. Casey, Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell

ASSEF Awards

2001 Academic Scholarships

UPS Scholarships: $4,125

Patricia Gaudet is studying environmental safety and health at University of Southern Maine, Portland.

Donald Goosman is a fire protection and safety engineering technology major at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Amanda McCauley is studying occupational safety & environmental health at Millersville (PA) University.

Robert Semonisck Distinguished Service Award Scholarship: $2,000

Steven Duff, an student at Iowa State University, Ames, is studying industrial technology.

James P Kohn Memorial Scholarship: $2,000

Brian Ringwelski, a graduate student at University of Maryland, College Park, is pursuing a fire protection engineering degree.

Marsh Risk Consulting Scholarship: $1,000

Sean Jankiewicz, an undergraduate student, is studying fire protection engineering at University of Maryland, College Park.

Katherine Vargas, an undergraduate student at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK, is studying environmental and safety management.

Thompson Scholarship for Women in Safety: $1,000

Kathleen Ferguson is a graduate student at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, studying environmental and safety management.

Northeastern Illinois Chapter Scholarship: $1,000

Sarah Navel is a junior at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Guillermo Triana is a graduate student at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie.

Career Guide to the Safety Profession

Now Available

Career Guide to the Safety Profession, Second Edition, is now available through the ASSE Foundation. The guide provides an overview of the profession, describes career options and offers guidance for selecting undergraduate and graduate education programs—a great resource for anyone considering a career in safety. The publication also includes profiles of individuals in the safety profession, from early to senior career levels.

To obtain a free copy of the guide, contact ASSE’s Customer Service Dept. at (847) 699-2929; customer service@asse.org.
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Thompson Award Endowed!
In 1998, Marcy and Michael Thompson established the Thompson Fund for Women in Safety with an $11,000 gift to the Foundation. Their goal was to award $1,000 annually to a female graduate student in perpetuity. To do this, the fund would need to reach $21,000. Over the past three years, the Thompsons have donated nearly $14,000; generous support from ASSE members and “Marcy supporters” have helped the fund reach endowment. The Thompsons are now working towards a second award. If you would like to contribute, send your donation, earmarked “Thompson,” to ASSEF.

Tallys Make $10,000 Gift to Establish Grant for ASSE members
Long-time ASSE members Delmar E. Tally, P.E., CSP, and wife Betty, CSP, CHST, OHST, recently contributed $10,000 to the ASSE Foundation to establish the Delmar E. Tally Professional Development Grant. The grant will be used to help ASSE members participate in recognized safety, health and environmental certification study courses, pay for certification testing fees or attend professional development seminars and conferences to improve their professional credentials. “Many years ago as a struggling safety professionals rearing four kids, a grant such as this would have been greatly welcomed,” Tally says.

Both Tallys are dedicated safety professionals and long-time contributors to the Foundation. Del is a past Society president, ASSE Fellow and charter trustee and past chair of the Foundation; Betty is a past president of ASSE’s Central Texas Chapter. They have contributed more than $19,000 to the Foundation since its inception in 1990. “The safety profession has been very rewarding to us—both financially and in job satisfaction,” Del explains. “We are delighted to establish this grant to help deserving ASSE members advance their careers.” The Tallys challenge other ASSE members to support the Foundation, too.

The first grant will be awarded in Spring 2002; the application form will be available online this August at www.asse.org/foundat.htm.

Bresnahan Honored with Distinguished Service Award
This year’s recipient, Thomas Bresnahan, CSP, was chosen based on his outstanding achievement, commitment and support of the ASSE Foundation. Bresnahan was the first Foundation manager from 1990 to 1993, and was instrumental in developing the groundwork for its key programs, including correspondence courses, accreditation, fellowship and research. He also contributed to both the first and second editions of the Career Guide to the Safety Profession. Bresnahan will receive the award at the PDC in Anaheim. In addition to the award, the Foundation will name one of its scholarships the “Thomas Bresnahan Distinguished Service Award Scholarship” for 2002.