

ANNOUNCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

THE RINKER SCHOLAR PROGRAM

FOR PH.D. STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION

The M.E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation has committed \$1 million to the Rinker School to fund the **Rinker Scholar** program. This pledge is designated for the creation of an endowment to be used for the support of faculty members of the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) admitted by the Rinker School into its doctoral program.

Since its inception in 1935, the Rinker School has led the construction management profession in its journey to professionalization. With the dawning of the new millennium, the construction management profession finds itself at the threshold of its final and most important step toward professionalization. This final step involves the fostering of sustained efforts in research and development, in order to bring innovation to the profession and to keep it vibrant.

In the US, there are about 108 construction management academic programs that are members of the Associated Schools of Construction. There is a need for these programs to increase their efforts in research and development. Most of the faculty members in the ASC Schools have a Master's degree and five or more years of relevant construction supervisory experience and are excellent teachers. However, there is a shortage of qualified individuals that are actively pursuing research in the discipline. In order to foster research in these academic programs, the best and the brightest of these faculty members should be encouraged to earn a Ph.D. in construction management. Currently, the Rinker School is one of only four doctoral programs in the United States focusing solely on construction management. The income from the **Rinker Scholar** endowment will be devoted to helping fellow construction schools enhance the quality of the education they offer, while increasing construction research. The goal is to make the **Rinker Scholar** in construction education synonymous with the Fulbright Scholar in international education exchange and the Rhodes Scholar in international study at Oxford.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants who wish to be considered for the Rinker Scholar program for Ph.D. students should submit their graduate school application to the University of Florida and send the following documents to the Rinker School:

1. A minimum, 15-page, double spaced Ph.D. dissertation research proposal, including a completion schedule.
2. A statement of support and commitment from the Applicant's Academic Unit.
3. Academic transcripts for all previous work
4. Summary compilation of student evaluations for the 3 years preceding the application.
5. Letters of recommendation from applicant's former Master's committee chair, current College Dean, and at least one current or past colleague.
6. Detailed resume.
7. GRE Scores (a minimum, cumulative score of 1200 on the Verbal and Quantitative sections is required)

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. All application materials are due by December 31, 2007, for the 2008-2011 **Rinker Scholar** program.
2. One applicant and two alternates will be selected and notified by January 15, 2008.
3. The selected applicant will have until February 1, 2008, to accept his/her admission. Otherwise, the opportunity will be passed on to one of the alternates.

For further information please visit our WWW at <http://www.bcn.ufl.edu/rinkerscholar/> or contact Dr. Ian Flood, Coordinator of PhD Program, at flood@ufl.edu.



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