

**CREATIVITY • INNOVATION
ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT**

THE SHAH FAMILY INNOVATION PRIZE

**EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING
RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

NOMINATIONS SOLICITED FOR 2007 PRIZE

Do you know a young academic or professional
who deserves recognition
for current accomplishments and future potential?

The Shah Family Innovation Prize was created with a substantial gift to the EERI Endowment Fund by the Haresh C. Shah family of Stanford, California. The cash prize honors individuals less than 35 years of age who have demonstrated at early stages in their careers the potential to make major contributions to the field of earthquake risk mitigation and management, particularly in the development of cutting-edge, innovative solutions to problems in earthquake engineering and related disciplines. The honoree should be in the developing or expanding stage of his or her career, with the promise of important contributions ahead. The intent of the prize is to stimulate further creativity and leadership in the earthquake risk mitigation community and EERI.

Past recipients have included academics as well as practicing engineers, with experience ranging from designing high-end new construction projects in the U.S. to developing risk reduction strategies in developing countries.

PAST RECIPIENTS

1998

Bret Lizundia,
Rutherford and
Chekene



1998

Nicos Makris,
University of
California, Berkeley
(now, Univ. of Patras,
Greece)



2000

Durgesh Rai,
Indian Institute of
Technology, Kanpur,
India



2001

Stephanie Chang,
University of
Washington
(now, Univ. of British
Columbia)



2002

Joshua Marrow,
Simpson, Gumpertz,
& Heger, Inc.
(now, independent
consultant)



2003

Paul VanderMarck,
Risk Management
Solutions, Inc.



2004

Gustavo Parra-
Montesinos,
University of Michigan



2005

Rebekah Green,
Earth Institute,
Columbia University
(now Western Wash-
ington University)



2006

Ellen Rathje,
University of Texas,
Austin



Nomination Process for the 2007 Shah Family Prize (to be awarded at the EERI Annual Meeting in February 2008)

Individuals in government, private firms, academia, and the international community are encouraged to nominate eligible candidates. EERI membership is not required for either the nominator or candidate. A nomination package consisting of the following must be received in the EERI office by October 15, 2007:

- A one page Nomination Statement, succinctly summarizing the accomplishments and background of the individual, written by the nominator.
- A current CV or resume of the candidate (maximum 10 pages).
- Names and contact information for two references, other than the nominator.

Note: additional materials beyond the above requirements need not be submitted and will not be reviewed.

Selection Criteria

Candidates must be less than 35 years of age on January 1, 2008. The selection of recipients will emphasize creative and innovative thinkers who have demonstrated at early stages in their careers the potential to make major contributions to the field of earthquake risk mitigation and management. Individuals will be recognized for a combination of past accomplishments and future potential.

Examples may include (but are not limited to) individuals who have:

- Undertaken innovative research for which the outcomes have potential to significantly influence the practice of earthquake risk mitigation;
- Shown public entrepreneurship through the advocacy, design, or delivery of risk mitigation programs;
- Demonstrated creative solutions to problems in engineering or other fields related to earthquake risk mitigation;
- Shown leadership within an earthquake-related profession.

Past accomplishments will be considered with respect to the degree that they demonstrate social relevance, an intellectual contribution, and viability to earthquake risk mitigation and management. The award will be based on the degree to which the individual fits the desired overall profile of creativity, innovation, and a demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit, rather than based on a single accomplishment or product.

To be considered for the prize, all nomination packages must be received in the EERI office (499 14th Street, Ste. 320, Oakland, CA 94612, or eeri@eeri.org) by October 15, 2007. The Selection Committee will review the nominations and, if necessary, contact the nominator and references for further information. The recipient of the Shah Family Innovation Prize will be invited to receive the prize at the Awards Luncheon during the EERI Annual Meeting in New Orleans, February 2008.

Selection Committee

Chair: Bret Lizundia, Rutherford & Chekene, Oakland, CA
Andre Filiatrault, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY
Stephanie Chang, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Nicholas Sitar, University of California, Berkeley
Pane Stojanovski, Risk Management Solutions Inc., Newark, CA