Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation
Awards Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

Cleveland, Ohio -- The Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation (FIERF) Board of Trustees has awarded over $90,000 for undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships and industry research projects for the coming year.

Scholarships

Sixteen $4000 Finkl Scholarships have been given to university electrical, industrial, materials, mechanical and metallurgy engineering students enrolling in their junior year this fall. The program continues to support fourteen students entering their senior year.

The scholarships are named in memory of Charles W. Finkl's years of commitment and contributions to education and the forging industry that included over twenty-five years of service on the FIERF Board of Trustees, twice serving as president.

Scholarships were awarded to:

Matthew R. Atkinson, California State University
Tom J. Bailey, Missouri University of Science & Technology
James R. Boldig, Marquette University
Brian R. Daubenspeck, University of Central Florida
Robert S. Gabrielse, Marquette University
Daniel A. Griffin, Cleveland State University
Jacob A. Kerr, Pennsylvania State University
Laura Jean Lucca, Pennsylvania State University
Rachael E. Madland, Colorado School of Mines
David J. McLaughlin, Pennsylvania State University
Asad Mughal, Rutgers University
Amanda G. Nelson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Jared M. Rosati, Youngstown State University
Andrew E. Sulzer, University of Toledo
James N. Sweetman, University of Toledo
Michael A. Wicklund, III, Missouri University of Science & Technology

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Fellowships

The Foundation has awarded the following $20,000 Graduate Fellowships:

- The Effects of Prior Microstructure on Spheroidizing Treatments for Enhanced Cold Forgeability – R. Allen Schaneman, Professor Chet Van Tyne, Colorado School of Mines
- The Effects of Forging on the Tensile Properties and Microstructure of Magnesium Alloys – David Poerschke, Professor David Schwam, Case Western Reserve University

Research Grants

- A $10,000 Finkl Challenge Grant was awarded to Colorado School of Mines to involve an undergraduate student in the “Tempering Behavior of Hot Forging Die Steels” project. A. Finkl and Sons Co. will provide samples of die materials.

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Established in 1961, Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation (FIERF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Operating as a supporting organization to the Forging Industry Association, the Foundation’s goal is to promote formal education and scientific research in the technologies related to the forging industry.

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