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New Scholarships Available and Application Deadline Extended

PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) is excited to offer more opportunities for students to study project management and related fields at accredited colleges and universities. **The new sponsors that have joined for the 2008 scholarship season have increased the total amount of award money given to over US\$80,000!**

International Institute for Learning, Inc. (IIL) has established the Dr. Harold Kerzner Scholarship Fund, which offers four US\$7,500 scholarships to project management students. Click [here](#) to read the press release regarding this significant contribution.

Joining the list of PMI Component sponsors are the Central Iowa and Phoenix Chapters. Colorado Technical University, a PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.), has added a scholarship for students at its Denver campus in addition to the existing ones at the Colorado Springs campus and the online master's degree in project management program.

The application deadline has been extended to June 30, 2008, so there's still time to apply!

Click [here](#) for a complete listing of scholarships and a link to apply online.

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Teaching Project Management and 21st Century Skills to High School Students

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania, USA) School Project - The PMI Educational Foundation has collaborated with The School District of Philadelphia, the PMI Delaware Valley Chapter and DeVry University, Inc. to offer a project management class to Philadelphia high school rising seniors.

Students in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, will be able to enroll in a college-level course this summer that teaches project management practices and such 21st Century skills as global literacy, problem solving, innovation and creativity.

All of the partnering organizations collaborated to develop a syllabus and curriculum which meet state and national requirements and address Perkins Title IV requirement.

The PMI Educational Foundation is contributing project management textbooks and marketing for the course. The PMI Delaware Valley Chapter will be providing classroom mentors, and DeVry University will be providing classroom instructors.

The pilot program begins this summer, followed by further pilot courses in the spring and fall at two additional Philadelphia high schools. After evaluation of the pilot programs, the program may be introduced in other cities and could eventually become a national program.

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Student Paper Award Expansion – Call for Papers Open in Latin America and North America

The *James R. Snyder International Student Paper of the Year Award* recognizes graduate and undergraduate students for research and creative effort directed toward advancing the concepts, tools and techniques of managing project-oriented tasks.

Starting this year, a winning paper will be presented at each of the four PMI Global Congresses: Asia Pacific, Europe-Middle East-Africa (EMEA), Latin America, and North America. Previously the award was conferred upon one student per year.

Students in Latin America and in North America are encouraged to [apply now](#) for the ISPY award for the Latin America Congress (São Paulo, Brasil, 11-13 August 2008) and for the North America Congress (Denver, Colorado, USA; 18-21 October 2008).

The deadline for ISPY Award applications for both the Latin America and North America regions is **31 May 2008**. Students may only apply for the ISPY Award that will be conferred in their region. Please review the ISPY Award [overview and formatting guidelines](#) before submitting an application.

The author of the selected paper will receive a US\$500 cash award and an expense paid trip* to the PMI Global Congress in his/her region where they will have the opportunity to present their paper.

Winning papers will be printed in PMI's academic research quarterly, *Project Management Journal* and posted on PMIEF.org.

The James R. Snyder International Student Paper of the Year Award provides an excellent opportunity to present your work, or that of your students, to practitioners, to network with project management practitioners and employers, and to expand your project management capabilities.

*PMIEF will pay reasonable travel expenses including congress registration, transportation, lodging and meals for the award recipient. The award recipient is responsible for having travel and lodging pre-approved by PMIEF.

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PMIEF Awards Grant Money for Educational and Humanitarian Efforts

To advance our goal of creating *A Better Prepared Society for Future Success*, PMIEF is please to announce partial funding of several project-based educational and humanitarian initiatives:

- **Eastern Michigan University Foundation (EMU)** – With funding from the PMI Educational Foundation, Eastern Michigan University will be able to launch *Project Lead the Way* for 6th through 12th grade students in Michigan, USA. *Project Lead the Way* is a national program that offers a project-based curriculum for students who are interested in science, engineering, engineering technology or related careers. This hands-on, problem based approach to learning adds relevance and rigor to program.

The grant from the PMI Educational Foundation will support the training of school teachers of mathematics, science and technology to learn *Project Lead The Way* methodology and content so they can implement the *Project Lead the Way* curriculum in their schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

- **Learning for International Non-Government Organizations (LINGOs)** - is developing a project management disaster training program for field and management level NGO personnel. The online and classroom pilot training programs are complete and LINGOs is now collecting feedback. PMIEF supported the initiative with seed funding for meetings, planning, and execution. PMIEF also awarded LINGOs an additional grant so that this important work can continue in 2008.

[Read more](#) about our work with Non-government Organizations (NGOs).

- **Global Research and Education Network for Disaster-Related Project Management** - The A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland (UMD) is investigating the viability of establishing a Global Network for disaster-related project management research and education. The exploratory work is funded through support from PMI Educational Foundation and from UMD. If viable, the resulting “Global Network” will support research, education and outreach, with the results of disaster-related research serving as the basis to establish best practices and guidelines. The Global Network is also slated to provide graduate students education in disaster-related project management.

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Empowering Future Engineers with Project Management: National Engineers Week

On 16 February, PMI and PMIEF headed to Washington, DC (USA) to participate in Discover Engineering Family Day, an annual one-day festival held in conjunction with Engineers Week. [Family Day](#) gives primary and secondary school students and their parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on activities that explore many facets of engineering.

PMIEF’s exhibit focused on project learning and why project management is an important element of engineering. Project learning utilizes teams of students working together to create solutions for real-world problems. Through this approach, students are able to gain a more complete understanding of the subject matter while developing essential skills such as collaboration, communications and leadership.

National Engineers Week, or [EWeek](#), consists of numerous events and engineering competitions for children in primary and secondary school. PMI sponsors a project management award for the team that demonstrates the best project management practices in the Future City competition. In the Future City competition, seventh and eighth-grade students and their faculty mentors apply engineering principles and teamwork to build futuristic cities using SIMCITY video game software.

Project Management in Action for Educational and Social Good: Do You Have a Story?

Is your PMI component engaged in any activities which leverage project management for primary and secondary education, humanitarian, community and/or social good? If so, then you could be featured on our website and in future editions of PMIEF Connection!

We would like to highlight your component's program for social good and share the information with the rest of project management community. We are working toward building a repository of information and programs that would be available for components to utilize to leverage their outreach programs.

We are accepting submissions of programs, activities, and initiatives that align with any of our three program areas:

- A Better Prepared PM Workforce of the Future - Supporting the development of the best and brightest future project management professionals worldwide through learning opportunities
- A Better Prepared Society for Future Success - Promoting project management as a life skill worldwide through primary and secondary school education and community-based programs
- A Better Prepared Response in Future Times of Need - Providing enhanced project management practices and education to humanitarian and relief professionals worldwide

We encourage you to submit a 3-5 paragraph article about your organization's good work to Andy Stitt, PMI Educational Foundation Associate, at andrew.stitt@pmi.org.

Each article should contain the following:

- Name of PMI component
- Names and credentials of volunteer participants
- Title, description, and goal of program
- Program achievements
- Latest news and updates of program
- Digital photos welcome!

We look forward to hearing from you!

PMI Educational Foundation at PMI Global Congress-Asia Pacific

PMI Educational Foundation gained significant exposure at PMI Global Congress 2008 – Asia Pacific (3-5 March 2008; Sydney, Australia) and surrounding events. Presentations that highlighted PMIEF initiatives and programs were given at Congress, at the preceding Leadership Institute Meeting, the Asia-Pacific region mentors meeting, the Global Accreditation Center (GAC) academic forum and at the Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) breakfast.

At the PMIEF booth in the exhibit hall, congress attendees perused marketing materials that provided an overview of PMIEF programs and products as well as copies of the aforementioned presentations. To receive a copy of the presentation, send your request to pmief@pmi.org.

Also during the congress, Gregory Balestrero, PMIEF's Chief Operating Officer, made the official announcement about the new Dr. Harold Kerzner Scholarships, sponsored by the International Institute for Learning (IIL).

PMIEF will be an exhibitor and presenter at [PMI Global Congress 2008 – EMEA](#) (19-21 May 2008; St. Julians, Malta). If you plan to attend, please stop by our booth and introduce yourself.

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Interested in learning more about our humanitarian and educational programs?
Would you like to help us empower the future with project management?

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