

**UNSOLICITED RESEARCH PROPOSAL (URP)
DISCLOSURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. ASHRAE recognizes the need to encourage innovative research proposals which address the needs of ASHRAE members and society in general. In order to be considered for funding, URPs should fall within the general research goals of the Society but not overlap significantly with ongoing or planned research activities of individual TC (or TG, MTG w/research authority, SSPCs or other committees authorized to sponsor research projects). Unique and innovative projects that cut across research activities within different TCs are especially welcomed.
2. URPs will be accepted only with the understanding that they are non-confidential, although every attempt will be made to respect the proprietary nature of the proposal. This non-confidentiality will permit, if need be, a modification of the URP into a Work Statement which better meets the needs of the Society and which may be distributed as part of a Request for Proposal to numerous researchers for competitive bidding.
3. If a URP is received which addresses a topic already contained in the ASHRAE Research Implementation Plan or under development within a TC, the URP will be returned to the proposer with an explanation as to its status in the Research Implementation Plan or applicable TC research plan unless the interests of the Society are better served by its consideration.
4. If the URP is considered for funding, then the Research Activities Committee (RAC) will be responsible for managing the evaluation process.
5. This funding is exclusively for research that is not being considered for, and has not already received, funding elsewhere. Duplicate or overlapping financial support for the same research scope, tasks, or deliverables is prohibited. The Principal Investigator agrees that if funding is awarded by ASHRAE, they will not accept duplicate funding for the same scope of work from another source.
6. Unsolicited proposals will only be accepted by the Society upon receipt of a signed acknowledgment of this Procedure.

I have read and understand the above policy on disclosure of Unsolicited Research Proposals (URPs) submitted to ASHRAE

Signed: _____
Principal Investigator

Date: _____

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Authorized Representative of Proposing Institution

Date: _____

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Title of Proposal: _____