

2025 WATFORD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION			
NAME	EMAIL		
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	POST CODE	
PHONE(S)	IF YOU HAVE PASSPORT, SHOW EXPIRATION DATE:		
EMPLOYER/ADDRESS	SUPERVISOR. CONTACT INFO:		
	CLIENT CONTACT FOR CONSULTANT APPLICANTS::		
CURRENT JOB TITLE:		HOW MANY MONTHS IN THIS JOB?	
AREMA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	MEMBER OF AREMA COMMITTEE(S)		
NUMBER OF YEARS OF RAILWAY INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT: _____ Complete page 2 detailed work history showing employers, work locations, job titles, effective dates accounting for the years shown above.	LIST ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS:		
ATTACHMENTS: <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Statement and Employment History <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Abstract(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Employer's Letter of Support <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant Certification Letter			
<p>The Watford Fellowship grant is for the value of the 2025 Watford Conference registration fee, four nights of hotel during the conference if not included in registration fee, and a meal/incidentals allowance. The total value of the grant cannot exceed US\$ 2200.00. The conference fee includes most meals during Watford meetings, transportation to events, admission fees to venues. Other personal expenses, travel before and after the conference, trans-Atlantic air travel, travel expenses of accompanying persons, taxes, passport fees and travel insurance, etc. are the responsibility of the applicant. Prior to receiving funds from AREMA Educational Foundation (AEF), the recipient must provide proof of international air fare purchase. The recipient shall also provide a letter from his/her employer that signifies the employer will allow the professional hours required to fulfill the grant requirements during and after the conference. If applicant is a consultant employee assigned to a single railway entity, then a certification letter from that entity is also required. The Conference agenda will be announced on or about August 20, 2025</p>			
<p>CERTIFICATION: By signing this application, I certify and attest that all information provided on this form and supporting documents is true and accurate and that I have met the requirements set forth in the rules of eligibility for the Watford Fellowship and that I will faithfully attend the technical sessions of the Watford Conference in London, UK from September 24-27, 2025. I further certify that I understand this grant is solely for educational purposes and my professional development related to railway engineering. The AEF and the US Watford Committee have no liability for the content of the Watford Conference and its related activities, the travel arrangements, any and all losses, inconvenience, added expenses, disruptions in travel, and other breaches of contract that are caused by the conference organizers in the United Kingdom. I understand the decision of the selection panel is final and not subject to any appeal. In the event I cannot attend, become ineligible prior to the conference or do not fulfill the requirements of the Watford Fellowship for any reason, I will promptly repay AEF the value of any funds provided to me by AEF. The recipient is required to directly pay the conference registration fee which will be reimbursed by AREMA. Upon return from the conference, the recipient shall submit a travel expense report to AREMA for reimbursement of eligible expenses.</p> <p>Intending to be legally bound, the undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of the Watford Fellowship grant and affixes his/her seal this day:</p> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">NAME: _____ DATE: _____</p>			

Once data is entered into this form, it must be printed and signed. You cannot save information on the AREMA website. Forward signed application to AREMA Headquarters postmarked or shipped no later than April 15, 2025. Decision will be announced in mid- May, 2025.

A requirement of receiving the Watford Fellowship is at least one technical presentation must be made at the Watford Conference. Using this form, prepare a 150-200 word abstract of the proposed presentation. Topic should relate to design of railway infrastructure, buildings, corporate branding, or other visual components of the railway that the applicant has personal knowledge or involvement. Successful presentation proposals will discuss the results of specific, real-world applications, including successes, failures, and lessons learned. All presentations are electronically published at the close of the conference and must be the work of the applicant and free of any copyright restrictions prohibiting non-commercial use by the Watford Group and AREMA. Multiple presentations maybe proposed using additional copies of page 3. Oral presentations at the conference will be grouped into panels of 3-4 presenters, each having 10-12 minutes to present their topic followed by a short Q&A period. Measurements should be shown in metric units. All conference sessions are in English. Due to the many languages spoken, presentation slides should use photos and illustrations with concise captions to enable non-English speakers to more easily understand the material.

ABSTRACT TITLE:

ABSTRACT TEXT:

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Indicate your role in this project or collaborating author(s) with whom you have worked to prepare this presentation (if any):

If you desire to submit more than one presentation abstract, use additional copies of this page. Oral presentations should incorporate not more than 20 slides when presented. An electronic copy of the presentation is due no later than October 10, 2025 to the conference organizers. Indicate here the estimated length of the oral presentation in minutes. _____

CHECK HERE IF ANOTHER ABSTRACT IS BEING SUBMITTED _____