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LRE Water Announces a \$7,500 Engineering Scholarship Granted in 2024

DENVER, COLORADO - LRE Water and the Leonard Rice Memorial Scholarship Foundation are proud to announce the award of a \$7,500 scholarship to a student in Rhode Island this year in partnership with the ACEC Research Institute. The scholarship aims to make engineering careers more accessible to students and address the engineering workforce shortage facing the industry.

This year's recipient of the Lee Rice - LRE Water Scholarship is Kelly Mukai, Brown University.

Mary Presecan, Chair of the Leonard Rice Memorial Scholarship Foundation, recognized the importance of scholarships such as this to advancing the water resources engineering and consulting profession. "The Lee Rice – LRE Water Scholarship is given to a student pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering, Geologic Engineering, Civil Engineering with concentration in Water Engineering, or other natural resource engineering related fields. It is these fields, and students like Kelly Mukai, that are the future of the water resources consulting. Congratulations Kelly on receiving this scholarship, we are excited to see the remarkable contributions you will make in shaping the water industry."

Mike Carragher, Chair of the ACEC Research Institute, highlighted the importance of these scholarships in encouraging the next generation of engineers. "The ACEC Research Institute is committed to supporting students who are passionate about engineering but may face financial challenges. By providing these scholarships, we are investing in the future of our profession and ensuring that talented individuals are empowered to pursue their dreams."

The scholarships are given to a diverse group of students who demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, and a dedication to the field of engineering. This initiative is part of the ACEC Research Institute's broader effort to address the current shortage of engineers that are critically needed to solve complex challenges. In total, the ACEC Research Institute provided nearly \$700,000 to 97 deserving students this year.

"Engineering is at the heart of solving many of today's most pressing challenges," Carragher continued. "By making engineering education more accessible, we are not only helping individual students but also strengthening the entire industry. These scholarships will help ensure that we have a robust pipeline of skilled engineers ready to tackle the complex issues of tomorrow."

These students will help grow the cadre of engineers that work every day to design infrastructure that makes transportation safer, create solutions to improve our environment, and design buildings that reduce our impact on the climate now and into the future.

The ACEC Research Institute's scholarship program is just one of many initiatives aimed at supporting the engineering community. Through original research, economic analysis and thought leadership the Institute is dedicated to advancing the engineering profession and promoting its critical role in society.

For more information about the ACEC Research Institute's scholarship program and other initiatives, please visit [ACEC Research Institute](#).

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