

April 14, 2025

Dear Zongheng Li,

Congratulations! On the basis of your outstanding academic achievement, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive a CEE Departmental Fellowship award for the 2025-2026 academic year from CEE's geotechnical faculty group: Professors Arduino, Gomez, Maurer and Wartman.

The total value of the fellowship is \$20,000.00. The funds will automatically be disbursed as three equal lump sum payments to your student account during Autumn, Winter and Spring quarters. This award is contingent upon your registration as a full-time graduate student in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, which is a minimum of ten credits per quarter. You must also demonstrate satisfactory progress towards completion of your master's degree in geotechnical engineering.

You may be invited to attend a donor/scholar luncheon honoring fellowship recipients hosted by the College of Engineering in early November, which we encourage you to attend. Additional information regarding the luncheon will be sent to you by the College if you decide to accept this fellowship. As a fellowship recipient, we will ask you to write a letter of appreciation to the Fellowship donor. Acceptance of this award authorizes the department to provide the donor with information about you as an individual, including academic progress if requested.

Choosing a graduate program is an important decision -- one that you should make with as much information as possible. We encourage you to contact the faculty that you are interested in working with to discuss opportunities. It is important for us to know as soon as possible whether you will accept this offer, but no later than April 15, 2025, since the fellowship offer expires after that date per the Council of Graduate Schools Agreement. To formally accept or decline our offer, please return to your [online application](#).

Once again, let me say how pleased we are to offer you admission and funding for your graduate study at UW. We hope that you will join us in the fall! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact CEE Graduate Advising (ceginfo@uw.edu), or your geotechnical faculty contacts. We look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,



Bart Nijssen
Chair and Professor