

SPRAT 2017

Research Grant



The mission of The Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians is to advance the safe use of rope access through education, developing standards and administering certifications. SPRAT furthers its cause by annually awarding \$6,000 in research grants to individuals or companies conducting research related to industrial rope access.

Grant Application Guidelines

Overview

- **The application deadline is 11:59pm EDT on October 1, 2016.**
- Two \$3,000 grants are awarded to separate individuals or companies each year.
- Grant applications will be judged based on the relevance of the proposed research to the rope access industry, the quality of the application, and the qualifications of the researcher.
- Grant recipients must report research findings either during a presentation at the 2018 SPRAT Conference or in a 1,200-word paper to be published on SPRAT's website.

Rules

- The grant application must be completed and emailed to info@SPRAT.org by 11:59pm EDT on October 1, 2016. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Grant recipients will be announced at the 2017 annual SPRAT Conference, during which time half of each grant (\$1,500) will be distributed. The remainder will be distributed upon successful completion of either a SPRAT Conference presentation or a written summary of research findings.
- Presentations must be 20-30 minutes in length and be given in person at the 2018 annual SPRAT conference. Presenters must also submit a 150 to 250-word abstract and a copy of their presentation slides in PDF format prior to the annual conference, for publication on the SPRAT website.
- Written summaries of research findings must be a minimum of 1,200 words and be submitted prior to the 2018 annual SPRAT Conference. Papers will be published on the SPRAT website.
- One of the two grants may be awarded to a company or individual without SPRAT membership. Applicants with a current SPRAT membership may be awarded either of the grants.
- Companies applying for funding must designate an individual responsible for the research and report of findings.
- Grants will not be awarded for research that primarily benefits the recipient (e.g. product development research by a manufacturer).