

## Research Q&A:

*Q:* What is the ASHRAE Research Program?

*A:* The program that governs more than 80 investigative projects taking place around the world and funded by ASHRAE. It is supported by more than 100 member-led Technical Committees (TCs), each with their own specialty and sub-specialty.

*Q:* How are the projects selected?

*A:* A TC identifies a need – such as missing information, new ideas or processes to be examined, out-dated information – sets a goal, and outlines a project to meet that need and goal. the Research Administration Committee (RAC) approves the proposed project. It then goes out to ‘bid’, ensuring that ASHRAE’s financial resources are spent wisely and the final product will meet all stated goals.

*Q:* How much is spent on Research?

*A:* With more than 80 projects taking place at any one time, the average Research Budget typically exceeds \$17 million, each project costing an average of \$250,000 each. In reality, there is a wide range of costs for projects. Grants-in-Aid – projects being conducted by Graduate level students – have a cost of \$10,000. There are also multiple research projects that – over the 3-5 year life of the project – cost over \$1 million.

*Q:* Where can I find specific information about a project?

*A:* Check out [www.ashrae.org/research](http://www.ashrae.org/research) . You can also ask the RP Staff, they’ll be happy to help answer your questions or direct you to another staff member who specializes in that area.

If you need further information please contact RP Staff – [rp@ashrae.org](mailto:rp@ashrae.org) - they’ll be happy to help answer your questions or direct you to another staff member who specializes in that area.