

EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM @ THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The **EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** provides funding for the pursuit of Associates, Bachelors (junior and senior), Masters or Doctoral Degrees in transportation related fields. The program objectives are to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation; to enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees; and to retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States. The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program encompasses all modes of transportation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be enrolled at UTRGV, must be pursuing a degree in a full-time program and be enrolled for the entire academic year, must be in a transportation-related discipline, must conduct ongoing research in one or more transportation-related disciplines, and should be planning to enter the transportation profession after completing their higher level education. Applicants **must** be at least an undergraduate junior or higher at the start of the upcoming Fall 2016 Semester.

Foreign students who are not U.S. citizens **must** provide a certified copy of their student I-20 ID from the College / University or I-551 Permanent Resident Card that is issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS)¹. Applications without this information will not be considered complete.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENT & DEADLINE

Applicants must submit: Completed Application, Personal Statement, Proposed Plan of Study, Four Recommendation Letters, and Academic Record² in one PDF file. Email your application or any questions to: enad.mahmoud@utrgv.edu and use the subject title: "EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP"

Complete Applications are due: 4/29/2016 by 5 PM

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Eisenhower Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of merit. Merit includes:

- Academic Record² (25 Points)
- Potential for Outstanding Career in Transportation (25 Points)
- Proposed Research Plan / Plan of Study (25 Points)
- Quality of Recommendation Letters – **4 required** (20 Points)
- Overall Quality of Application (5 Points)

FUNDING & TUITION CAP

- All recipients **may not** receive a full award (i.e. tuition, stipend, and travel to Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting).
- Annually a maximum of \$10,000 in tuition and mandatory fees will be covered.
- A monthly stipend in the range of \$500 to \$2,000 might be awarded based on the application quality and fund availability.
- Recipient award will be based on the rankings from the local Selection Panel.
- Recipients will receive a minimum of \$1,500, for attendance at the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting.

1 A Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), commonly known as a Green Card, is evidence of your status as a lawful permanent resident with a right to live and work permanently in the United States. It also is evidence of your registration in accordance with United States immigration laws. Once students are accepted by the school, the University / College provides students a form known as a Certificate of Eligibility (SEVIS I-20).

2 Transcripts must be sent from all institutions in which a degree was obtained. If you are applying as a Doctoral Fellowship, official transcripts must be sent from the institution where you obtained your Master's Degree and your current institution. If you are applying for the Masters Fellowship, official transcripts must be sent from the institution where you obtained your Bachelors transcripts and your current institution.