BACKGROUNDS

The University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM) established in 2011 a Collaboration Agreement with Purdue University to carry out the Summer Transportation Research Exchange Program, in which Civil Engineering students from Purdue come to Puerto Rico, and Civil Engineering students from UPRM go to Purdue, to participate in research activities during the summer.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the DDETFP-Summer Research Program 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. To accomplish this goal, the DDETFP gives fellowship awards to students pursuing transportation related disciplines.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. MIHE and must be pursuing a degree in a transportation related disciplines in a full-time program. Applicants must have at least one full academic year remaining in a program of study and must be enrolled for the entire academic year. Foreign students who are not U.S. citizens must provide a certified copy of their student I-20 ID or I-551 Permanent Resident Card that is issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS).1

Fellowships are intended for:

- Undergraduate students (juniors and seniors) pursuing transportation-related undergraduate degrees at an MIHE who plan to enter the transportation profession upon completing their higher education.
- Graduate students (Masters or Doctorate) pursuing transportation-related graduate degrees who plan to enter a transportation profession upon completing their higher education.

1 A Permanent Resident Card, 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. The Permanent Resident Card is also called CIS Form I-551.
CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Summer Internships will be awarded on the basis of merit. Evidence of merit will include:

- Academic records, including class standing, grade point average (GPA), and official transcripts.
- Four letters of recommendations regarding the applicant’s qualifications.
- Resume with work experience, if any, including employers’ endorsements.
- Proposed plan of study (The recipient should write an essay explaining their interest in the transportation field and how their plan of study will enhance and impact the field of transportation.)

BENEFITS

The fellowship, if applicable, will provide a monthly stipend and will cover housing and round-trip travel-related expenses for the interns. Recipient awards will be based on the ranking given and available funding.

- Recipients shall be advised that the stipend portion of the award is taxable. ²
- All program-related expenses must be supported by receipts/invoices.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD ANNUAL MEETING (TRB)

Recipients will be provided a one-time expenditure (up to $1,500) for travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the TRB Annual meeting held January, 2013.

The recipients are responsible for logging on to www.trb.org and registering themselves and for arranging travel and hotel accommodations through the university to obtain the most cost-efficient rates. Discounted registration is provided for all Eisenhower recipients. Since funding is provided, attendance at TRB is mandatory. In addition to attendance at TRB, it is also required that students attend ALL Eisenhower Events.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed application form and all the required documents indicated in the CRITERIA FOR SELECTION Section must be delivered to the Campus Program Manager on or before Friday, February 24, 2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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² Refer to the Internal Revenue Service Publication 970 – Tax Benefits For Education
**BURDEN STATEMENT**

This collection of information is voluntary and will be used to determine the applicant’s qualifications for the DDETFP – Summer Internships. Public reporting burden is estimated to average three hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing the application. All information collected is confidential and will be used by program staff for program administration purposes only. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2125-0617.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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- Undergraduate (Junior)
- Undergraduate (Senior)
- Master’s Student
- Doctoral Student
- 1st yr
- 2nd yr
- 3rd yr
- U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐
- If no, please attach a certified copy of your I-20 or I-551 ID issued by the C.I.S.

**Gender:**
- Male ☐
- Female ☐

**Experience in Other Transportation Educations Programs**
- ENO Fellow Yr _____
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