



**DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2022-2023 DDETFP LOCAL COMPETITION
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT MAYAGÜEZ**



I. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The **EISENHOWER HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS (HSI) TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** provides funding for the pursuit of Bachelor's (junior and senior), Master's Degrees or Doctorates in transportation related fields. The program objectives are to stimulate interest among students attending the HSI in the field of transportation; to enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to conduct research and seek advanced degrees; to retain top talent workforce in the transportation industry in the United States. The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program encompasses all modes of transportation.

II. DISCIPLINES

A list of transportation-related disciplines can be found on the U&GP website:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/pdfs/centers/workforce_dev/detfp_transportation_disciplines.pdf

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants, applying for the Eisenhower HSI Fellowship **must**:

- (for graduate students) - Possess a baccalaureate degree from, or be a confirmed graduating undergraduate senior at, an IHE which must be accredited by a federally recognized accrediting agency¹ and must be located within the United States or its territories, both administratively as well as the campus the student attended.
- Demonstrate confirmation of acceptance in an advanced degree program at an accredited IHE in the U.S. or its territories by the application due date.
- Be enrolled in an accredited IHE within the U.S. or its territories.
- Be pursuing an advanced degree in a full-time program in a transportation-related discipline.
- Have at least one full academic year remaining in program of study.
- Conduct ongoing research in one or more transportation-related disciplines; and
- Plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their higher-level education.
- Current U.S. Department of Transportation Employees are NOT eligible.

Non-U.S. citizens **must also** submit a valid copy of their Student and Exchange Visitor Information System Form issued by the IHE the student is enrolled in, or the Form I-20² "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Status", or the Form I-551 "Permanent Resident Card" issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service.

Applicants **must meet all** the aforementioned requirements to be considered.

Fellowship application and required documents deadline is August 26, 2022.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Eisenhower HSI Fellowship will be awarded based on merit. Merit includes:

- Application Forms ([Student File Information Sheet](#) and [SF 424 Individual](#))
- Personal Statement and Potential for outstanding career in the transportation.
- Proposed Research Plan / Plan of Study and Impact Statement.
- Academic Achievement: Class standing, GPA, and official University Transcripts.
- Resume
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendations regarding the applicant's qualifications.

V. AWARD

Fellowship awards may not provide a full award (i.e. tuition, stipend, and travel to the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC). Fellowship awards will be based on the **rankings from the DDETFP Local Competition Selection Panel**. Fellowship awards will provide a maximum of \$10,000 and a minimum of \$1,500 based on the ranking and may include tuition, stipend, and a **one-time** expenditure (up to \$1,500) for travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the TRB Annual meeting that will be held on January 8-12, 2023.

VI. APPLICATION FORM

The Application Form is available on the Puerto Rico LTAP Center website <https://prltap.org/eng/dde-fellowship/>. All applications **must** be typed. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

For additional information regarding the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program/Hispanic Serving Institutions, please contact Dr. Benjamín Colucci (benjamin.colucci1@upr.edu), UPRM Campus Program Manager, or Mrs. Irmali Franco (irmali.franco1@upr.edu) at 787-834-6385.

¹ The U.S. Department of Education publishes a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies on <https://www.ed.gov/accreditation>

² Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Form I-20 is a Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status for foreign exchange students who attend an educational program in the United States. Educational institutions issue Form I-20.