



National Center for Sustainable Transportation Graduate Dissertation Award

Description:

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation (NCST), UC Riverside campus announces its annual grant program to financially assist doctoral candidates to complete their dissertations. The Center anticipates the award amount will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Eligibility:

Grants are limited to: (i) doctoral candidates enrolled in one of the seven Universities within NCST consortium, UC Davis, UC Riverside, USC, CSU Long Beach, Georgia Tech, and University of Vermont; and (ii) dissertation topics that advance the center's strategic goal of sustainable transportation. This center is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Secretary for Research and Technology under the University Transportation Center (UTC) program. (<http://ncst.ucdavis.edu/about/>)

Applicants must have advanced to candidacy on or before January 1 of the year of application. Applicants are further expected to have approximately 1 to 2 years of research work still remaining, such that the dissertations can be completed and filed within a time window that roughly extends from December of the award year to the following December.

Conditions of the Dissertation Award:

Recipients who are US citizens or permanent residents may use the funds as stipends or to cover the costs of in-state student fees. Any recipient who is neither a US citizen nor permanent resident will receive the award via employment as a Graduate Student Researcher. In all cases, we anticipate withholding \$500 from each recipient until a final copy of the dissertation is submitted to the center. Funds must be fully expended within 1 year of the award.

If you are selected and choose to accept this award, you must meet these conditions:

1. Be registered as a full-time UC Riverside student.
2. Complete a Ph.D. dissertation on a topic related to transportation.
3. Submit one-page memorandum to the NCST Associate Director at UCR that summarizes your research and academic accomplishments during this year. Please email report to Alta Vasquez at avasquez@cert.ucr.edu.
4. Produce a paper or report (such as a peer-reviewed publication, GSR Research project, professional report or a dissertation) on a transportation or transportation-related subject that is reviewed and approved beforehand by your faculty advisor and NCST UCR Associate Director, Matthew Barth, barth@ee.ucr.edu.
5. Participate in the NCST Student Conference.
6. Understand that the final award of this fellowship is contingent on the disbursement of fellowship support funds by US Department of Transportation, Caltrans and the University of California, Riverside.

To Apply:

Download the award cover sheet from the website. Complete the cover sheet, and submit the cover sheet and additional documents indicated in the cover sheet by email to Alta Vasquez at avasquez@cert.ucr.edu by the deadline posted on the website. All attachments must be in PDF format, and email subject line should read **NCST Dissertation Award Application**.

Contact Alta Vasquez at avasquez@cert.ucr.edu or at (951) 781-2432 if you need assistance with the application process, website, or if you have any other questions.