



## **National Center for Sustainable Transportation (NCST) Graduate Dissertation Award**

### **Description:**

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation (NCST) is a National University Transportation Center funded by the US Department of Transportation and other cost sharing partners(<http://ncst.ucdavis.edu/about/>). This center is made up of UC Davis, UC Riverside, University of Southern California, Cal State Long Beach, Georgia Tech, and the University of Vermont.

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation (NCST), UC Riverside campus, announces the Graduate Dissertation Award to financially assist doctoral candidates to complete their dissertations. A maximum of two Dissertation awards will be awarded for the next academic year, each up to \$20,000.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be a registered, full-time doctoral candidate at the University of California, Riverside;
2. Applicants must have dissertation topics that advance the NCST strategic goal of sustainable transportation;
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5;
4. Applicants must have advanced to candidacy by the beginning of Fall Quarter 2024;
5. Applicants are 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 2024 to December 2025.

### **Conditions of the Dissertation Award:**

Recipients will receive the award via employment as a Graduate Student Researcher. 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 student in a UC Riverside doctoral program.
2. Complete a Ph.D. dissertation on a topic related to sustainable transportation.
3. Submit one-page memorandum to the NCST Associate Director at UCR that summarizes your research and academic accomplishments during the year of the award.
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.
5. Participate in any NCST-related student conference.
6. Understand that the final award of this fellowship is contingent on the disbursement of dissertation support funds by US Department of Transportation, Caltrans and the University of California, Riverside.

### **To Apply:**

Download the *NCST Dissertation Award Application Form* from the CE-CERT website. Complete and submit the application form and all additional documents by email to CE-CERT Training <[certtraining@cert.ucr.edu](mailto:certtraining@cert.ucr.edu)> by August 30, 2024. All submissions must be in PDF format and email subject line should read **NCST Dissertation Award Application**.

Contact CE-CERT Training <[certtraining@cert.ucr.edu](mailto:certtraining@cert.ucr.edu)> with any questions.