Purpose of the Fellowships

Transportation plays a vital role in different aspects of our lives such as social, economical and environmental. The purposes of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program are:

- To attract, enhance and retain articulate individuals as part of the transportation profession.
- To upgrade the knowledge and education level of the transportation community in the United States.
- To assist in identifying and preparing students to enter careers in transportation.
- To act as a feeder program to the Graduate Fellowships Program and the Grants for Research Fellowships Program.
- To stimulate minority student interest in conducting research by working with faculty advisors and applying for jobs at the US Department of Transportation.
Eligibility

The Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowships are intended for:

- GPA that is 3.0 or higher
- Must be at least an undergraduate junior or higher at the start of the upcoming Fall 2016 semester
- Must demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career in the transportation profession.
- Pursue a transportation-related baccalaureate or graduate degree at PVAMU and enters the transportation profession.
- Baccalaureate students applying to pursue a transportation-related graduate degree at PVAMU must be in their senior year of college and complete their undergraduate degree no later than August 2016.
- US citizens or foreign students who are not U.S. citizen 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). Applications without this information will not be considered complete.

Conditions

- Fellows are eligible for funding only during the months of enrollment as a full-time student in programs leading to a degree.
- Fellows may not accept simultaneous remuneration from another fellowship, scholarship or similar award.
- Fellows must work with a PVAMU Faculty Advisor(s) in conducting research and preparing a report on a topic directly related to an important transportation problem or issue.
- Fellows, under the guidance of a PVAMU Faculty Advisor(s), are responsible for the preparation of their research results for publication and dissemination to the public without restrictions through accepted channels of technical information exchange.
- Fellows, under the guidance of a PVAMU Faculty Advisor(s), must make the results of their research available to the National Highway Institute on an unlimited royalty-free basis.
Stipends, Tuition and Other Funds

The PVAMU Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship will cover only the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters.

- Full tuition and fees for the fellows may be covered by the Program.
- PVAMU Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellows are required to travel to Washington, DC during the month of January, to participate in the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, present the findings of their research, network with US Department of Transportation officials, and explore employment opportunities. The travel expenses are paid using fellowship funds.
- PVAMU Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellows may study or engage in research away from their fellowships institution during part of their tenure if, in the judgment of PVAMU faculty advisor(s) and the National Highway Institute, such arrangements further the Fellows’ education.

Interested Students Should Submit the Following

- Application (2 pages including Personal Statement and Proposed Plan of Study)
- Official Transcript
- Proposed Graduation Plan
- Resume that highlight transportation work experience, if any, including employer’s endorsement
- Recommendation Letters (4 letters are required)
- Evidence of having taken the GRE, if applying for graduate school

The application materials can be downloaded from the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department’s web page (http://www.pvamu.edu/cee/academics-degree-plans/scholarships/). Hard-copies of the application material are available in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Evans, Staff Assistant, by calling 936-261-1665.

For any additional information, you are welcome to visit/meet with Dr. Judy Perkins, PE or Dr. Ramalingam Radha, PE in Suite 110, C.L. Wilson Building.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 29, 2016