Eisenhower Fellowships

BACKGROUND

The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) is currently authorized by Public Law 114-94, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The DDETFP is intermodal, interdisciplinary, and encompasses all modes of transportation. The DDETFP is managed and administered by the FHWA Universities and Grants Programs (U&GP). Since its inception over 2,000 DDETFP fellowships totaling over $30 million were awarded to Institutions of Higher Education.

The DDETFP seeks 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, the DDETFP gives fellowship awards to students and transportation professionals pursuing transportation related disciplines. There are eight different fellowships within the DDETFP:

- **Eisenhower Graduate (GRAD) Fellowship** enables students to pursue master’s degrees or doctorates in transportation-related fields at the education institution of their choice.

- **Eisenhower Grants for Research (GRF) Fellowship** acquaints undergraduates and graduate students with transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities at U.S. Department of Transportation facilities.

- **Eisenhower Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fellowship** provides HBCU students with additional opportunities to pursue transportation-related education preparing them to enter careers in transportation. HBCU Fellowships also serves as a feeder for other Eisenhower fellowships.

- **Eisenhower Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Fellowship** provides HSI students with additional opportunities to pursue transportation-related education preparing them to enter careers in transportation. HSI Fellowships also serve as a feeder for other Eisenhower fellowships.

- **Eisenhower Tribal College and Universities (TCU) Fellowship** provides TCU students with additional opportunities to pursue transportation-related education preparing them to enter careers in transportation. TCU Fellowships also serve as a feeder for other Eisenhower fellowships.

- **Eisenhower Intern Fellowship (IF)** provides students with opportunities to perform a wide range of significant transportation related activities at public and private-sector transportation organizations.

- **Eisenhower Community College (CC) Fellowship** provides students at 2 year public institutions with opportunities to enter careers in transportation. This fellowship serves as a feeder for other Eisenhower fellowships.

- **Eisenhower Transportation Research Board (TRB) Minority Student Fellowship** provides funding for undergraduate (juniors/ seniors) and graduate students conducting transportation research at selected Minority Serving Institutions.
The objective of the DDETFP Local Competition is to facilitate the administration of the DDETFP at institutions that are currently designated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal College & Universities, and Community Colleges.