

2015 Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship Webinar Questions

Q1: Will these slides be available for download after the presentation?

A1: The presentation will be posted on the Website within the next couple of days.

Q2: Approximately how many applicants are there per year, and how many receive awards?

A2: The applicant pool varies from year to year. We expect to provide at least 76 awards for the Graduate Fellowship.

Q3: Who reviews the applications?

A3: All applications are reviewed by the Eisenhower National Review Panel consisting of transportation professionals.

Q4: Should the research plan include a specific research project led by the student or all transportation related activities in which they will be engaged for the 2015 academic year?

A4: The application material provides an area where applicants can discuss their research topic and interests. Applicants should read the requirements and respond accordingly.

Q5: When is the application deadline?

A5: The electronic system deadline for submitting an application for the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship is April 21, 2015. Submission of supporting documentation must be received by the Universities and Grants Programs by April 28, 2015.

Q6: What are the scoring criteria?

A6: The scoring criterion is noted in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Q7: Would I be eligible if I am a graduate student at a US university at Fall 2015, but I have a BS in Civil Engineering from a university out of the US?

A7: No. You would be ineligible to apply for an Eisenhower Fellowship. Our guidelines state that an applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution of Higher Education.

Q8: If I have question about the application, where can I send email?

A8: If you have a question about the Eisenhower Graduate Application you can send an email to FHWA_UGP@dot.gov or Transportationedu@dot.gov.

Q9: Are there GPA requirements?

A9: The Government will evaluate applications on following criteria:

MERIT: FHWA will evaluate and rank the applications against the following technical evaluation criteria. These criteria are distinct from eligibility criteria (see Section C) that are addressed before an application is accepted for review.

The DDETFP Graduate Fellowship will be awarded on the basis of merit. Merit includes (in descending order of importance with the top three criteria being equal in importance):

- Class standing, GPA, and official university transcripts;
- Potential for Outstanding Career in Transportation (Transportation work experience, if applicable);
- Proposed plan of study
- Quality of letters of recommendation regarding the applicant's qualifications; and
- Overall quality of Application

Q10: What is the website for the TFICS?

A10: The website address for TFICS is <https://fhwaapps.fhwa.dot.gov/tficst/default.aspx>.