

***Dwight David Eisenhower  
Transportation Fellowship Program  
General Questions & Answers***

**1) Q: How many fellowships are awarded each year?**

**A:** Approximately 150 to 200 Eisenhower Transportation Fellowships are awarded each year based on funding availability. To date, approximately 2,000 Eisenhower Transportation Fellowships have been awarded.

**2) Q: How is the Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship funded?**

**A:** U&GP administers the intermodal Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program on behalf of the Secretary of Transportation. A grant agreement is developed by U&GP (on behalf of USDOT) to fund the recipient's education at the university in a transportation-related discipline. All Federal funds are awarded competitively and none are awarded directly to the recipient.

**3) Q: Do I have to be a U.S. citizen to apply?**

**A:** No. Non-U.S. citizens must provide a valid certified copy of their I-20 or I-551 ID as issued by U.S. Citizenship and Services (USCIS). See OMB Publication #1115-0093.

**4) Q: Since the application is online and it would be more convenient, can it be completed online?**

**A:** No. The application is part of a process that requires original signatures from the applicant, faculty advisors, and others, and supporting documentation such as letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc. Due to the volume of applications and supporting documentation received annually, online applications are not available at this time.

**5) Q: Should I submit an original and one copy of the application?**

**A:** Yes. Per the instructions, a complete set of applications is sent to each member of the selection panel. Failure to submit the required copies will result in your application **not** being reviewed by the selection panel.

**6) Q: Is it required that reference letters be sent in a signed, sealed envelope?**

**A:** If the recommender prefers to mail the reference letters, One copy plus the original should be placed in a signed and sealed envelope since U&GP is not responsible for making copies.

**7) Q: How many letters of recommendation do I need?**

**A:** All applicants are required to provide four (4) letters of recommendation. Additional letters of recommendation will not increase an applicant's chances of selection. Failure to submit four letters of recommendation will result in your application **not** being forwarded to the selection panel. The letter of recommendation can be sent by the recommender or included in the application packet. It must be sealed with the recommender's signature across the sealed section of the envelope. Unsigned and unsealed letters will not be accepted.

**8) Q: What is the level of funding for an Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship?**

**A:** All recipients **may not** receive a full award (i.e. tuition, stipend, and travel to the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting). Recipient awards will be based on the ranking given by the National Selection Panel or local selection panels at individual universities. Recipients will receive a minimum of \$5,000, based on the ranking received.

**9) Q: Does my application have to be postmarked by the due date or received by the due date?**

**A:** Your application must be **received** in the Universities and Grants Programs (U&GP) office by the due date. Knowing that inclement weather plays a factor in the U&GP office receiving your application, please make sure that you send the application on time to make the deadline. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE APPLICATIONS!!**

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**10) Q: What happens after I submit my application?**

**A:** All eligible applications are submitted for review to the national selection panel. Decisions are made within 120 days of the closing date. All applicants will be notified through e-mail, via their faculty advisor, of the selection panel's decision.

**11) Q: I applied to multiple schools and don't know where I will attend in the Fall?**

**A:** If you are unsure as to your attendance in the fall, enter your current institution and provide the updated contact information as soon as you are certain.

**12) Q: What if my letter of reference is coming from a foreign country or my professor is on sabbatical?**

**A:** If you have a letter of recommendation from a foreign country or your professor is on sabbatical overseas, please make sure you request the letter in enough time to meet the deadline. It is your responsibility to get all application material submitted by the deadline. We do not accept any application material beyond the deadline.