



# NCITEC

National Center for  
Intermodal Transportation  
for Economic Competitiveness

## MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

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## AWARDS

### Student of the Year (SOY) Award

For the past 22 years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has honored an outstanding student from each University Transportation Center (UTC) at a special ceremony held during the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting. The National Center for Intermodal Transportation for Economic Competitiveness (NCITEC) is one of the USDOT funded UTCs. NCITEC is a consortium of the following five universities: Mississippi State University (MSU), University of Denver (DU), University of Mississippi (UM), Louisiana State University (LSU), and Hampton University (HU). Students from NCITEC partner universities are eligible to submit a nomination packet to be considered for the NCITEC SOY Award.

NCITEC consortium members are invited to select one outstanding student from their university. The selected students will compete for the NCITEC SOY Award. The NCITEC awardee will receive \$1,000 plus the cost of attendance (conference registration, and travel/lodging expenses) to the 93rd TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The NCITEC SOY will also receive two free registrations to the CUTC Banquet provided by USDOT (for the student and his/her guest), and a certificate from USDOT. This year the banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 6pm** (location to be announced).

#### Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Candidates must be a **U.S. citizen or permanent resident**.
- Candidates must have completed (with a grade of B or better) at least 12 hours of graduate course work at the time the selection is made, and have a graduate GPA in excess of 3.25 (out of 4.00).
- Selection will be based upon accomplishments in three areas: Technical Merit and Research, Academic Performance, and Professionalism and Leadership. Evidence of research merit is based upon faculty nomination and evaluation of submitted written papers or reports. Academic performance is based upon courses attempted and grades attained. Evidence of professionalism and leadership can be in the form of presentations at professional society meetings and symposia, and leadership in student professional activities.

#### The following is required in the nomination packet:

- Nomination letter from a faculty member
- Academic transcript and short CV (the CV should include the following information: name of student, gender, university, department, degree goal, email address, name of adviser)
- A bio not to exceed 200 words (the bio should include the title of student's thesis/dissertation or primary area of research)
- Copy of any paper(s) authored or co-authored by the nominee

The nomination packets should be electronically submitted to the NCITEC representative at the candidate student's university by **Friday, November 18, 2013**:

MSU – Burak Eksioglu ([beksioglu@ise.msstate.edu](mailto:beksioglu@ise.msstate.edu))

DU – Pat Sherry ([psherry@du.edu](mailto:psherry@du.edu))

UM – Waheed Uddin ([cvuddin@olemiss.edu](mailto:cvuddin@olemiss.edu))

LSU – Harold 'Skip' Paul ([harold.paul@la.gov](mailto:harold.paul@la.gov))

HU – Kelwyn D'Souza ([kelwyn.dsouza@hamptonu.edu](mailto:kelwyn.dsouza@hamptonu.edu))

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## ABOUT

NCITEC was founded in January 2012 as a University Transportation Center (UTC) sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). NCITEC is a consortium of following five universities: Mississippi State University, University of Denver, University of Mississippi, Louisiana State University, and Hampton University. The theme of NCITEC is to promote the development of an integrated, economically competitive, efficient, safe, secure, and sustainable national intermodal transportation network by integrating all transportation modes for both freight and passenger mobility.

Deadline to submit the SOY application package to Dr. Uddin at the University of Mississippi: Nov 15, 2013