Graduate-level transportation students involved in safety research are invited to apply for the Roadway Safety Institute (RSI) Student of the Year Award. The award is sponsored by the USDOT Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

The winner of the RSI Student of the Year competition will:

1. Receive a plaque and a $2,000 award from RSI.
2. Be presented with a certificate from high-ranking USDOT officials at an awards ceremony on Saturday, January 6, 2018, from 6–9 p.m. (tentative) in Washington, DC. The ceremony is held in conjunction with the TRB Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for January 7-11, 2018.
3. Be reimbursed for his/her travel to the ceremony and the TRB Annual Meeting.
4. Be recognized in the RSI newsletter.

Qualifications

1. Be a graduate student enrolled at the University of Minnesota or an RSI partner university (Auburn, University of Illinois Urbana-Champagne, Western Michigan University, University of Akron, or Southern Illinois University Edwardsville). Students must have received financial support from RSI for at least two semesters prior to applying.
2. Have completed, with a grade of B or better, at least 12 hours of graduate course work and have a graduate GPA of 3.25 or higher.
3. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Application Instructions

Please apply online at https://z.umn.edu/RSISOY by October 24, 2017. When you complete your application, you will be asked to attach the following materials:

1. Academic transcript and short vita (including student activities)
2. Nomination letter from one RSI-affiliated researcher
3. Copy of one journal paper abstract that has been published or is in press or review

One winner will be selected based on the following criteria: a) technical merit and research (copy of paper and faculty nomination), b) academic performance (course work and grades), and c) professionalism and leadership (presentations, student activities).

Any nominees that are not selected for this award will be considered for a TRB Travel Award.

Notification

Candidates will be notified via email of the results of the competition no later than October 27, 2017.