MV Transportation Scholarship Fall 2015

About
The MV Transportation scholarship supports experiential learning opportunities for KU students. This scholarship is open to graduate and undergraduate KU students from any major who demonstrate academic merit. You may submit an application for this scholarship as an individual OR as a team. A team is considered a group of 2 or more students who will be collaborating on the project proposed in the scholarship application.

Scholarship recipients are not employees and should not expect future employment as an outcome of this scholarship. The scholarship and contact hours are solely for the learning experience as a part of your KU education.

A drop-in info session will be held at Anschutz Library on September 21, 2015 in room 426 from 3-4 PM if you have questions about your application.

Award
Up to $5000 for the best individual project proposal or up to $7500 for the best team project. In the event a team project is selected, total award amount will be divided equally between all team members.

Eligibility Requirements
You must be enrolled as degree seeking student (undergraduate or graduate) at the University of Kansas to be eligible for the scholarship. If a team application is submitted, all team members must be degree-seeking students at KU.

Project
As part of the scholarship application, you must submit an applied research project proposal related to transit or public transportation. Applied research uses the theories, knowledge, methods, and/or techniques of a discipline for a specific business or client-driven purpose.

This type of research is used to answer a specific question or produce a specific product that has direct applications to the world. In this case, the research project should be focused on providing practical solutions/answers to questions, problems, or challenges in transit and public transportation.

Anyone who receives scholarship funds will be required to meet the follow expectations:

- Work on an applied research project related to transit or public transportation during the 2015-2016 academic year. The project can be part of course/degree requirements (i.e. senior thesis project) or a free-standing project. You may propose projects that are already in progress or that will be started during the award period.

- Complete 25 contact hours with representatives from MV Transportation, Lawrence Transit System and/or KU on Wheels.

- Projects can come from a variety of disciplines but it is preferable that final projects would have the potential to enhance, benefit or otherwise further the advancement of public transportation.

- Submit a project artifact at the end of the of Spring 2016 semester (i.e. a project book, scale model, material samples, etc.)

- Publicly present the research project at the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

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Application Deadline
All applications must be submitted by 3 pm CST on Friday, October 2, 2015. The scholarship recipient(s) will be notified at the end of October 2015.

How to Apply
Individual Application: Students must submit the “Individual Application Form” and KU staff or faculty recommenders must submit the recommender form with recommendation letter. All materials must be submitted via email to raechel.cook@ku.edu by 3 pm CST on Friday, October 2, 2015.

Team Application: The team of students must submit the “Team Application Form”. Teams only need to submit one recommender form and one letter in support of the proposed project. KU Staff or Faculty recommenders must submit the recommender form with recommendation letter. All materials must be submitted via email to raechel.cook@ku.edu by 3 pm CST on Friday, October 2, 2015.

The student(s) will be selected by a committee based on the proposed project; academic merit of the applicant; recommendation from the faculty mentor.

Questions?
Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Raechel Cook, Program Coordinator for Experiential Learning, raechel.cook@ku.edu.