CMS Assistantship Information and Application Instructions

Background
The Center for Multimodal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation (CMS) is a U.S. Department of Transportation Tier 1 Grant-Funded Center devoted to the advancement of research, education and technology transfer in congestion modeling and management. The CMS is affiliated with the Transportation Research Center located in the Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering.

Eligibility
Priority is given to students entering a doctoral program in any of the transportation-related specializations (civil engineering, urban and regional planning, occupational therapy, industrial and systems engineering, etc.). Master's degree applicants may be eligible depending on academic achievement and demonstrated research capability. Assistantships are renewed based upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Funding Details
Students will be appointed on a .50 FTE assistantship, which will pay a bi-weekly stipend and a tuition waiver, including graduate student health insurance benefits. The stipend amount is based on the student’s academic achievement and degrees completed.

Work Requirements
Students funded under this program will be required to work 20 hours per week on a specific research project under the guidance of their faculty advisor and adhere to the assistantship’s registration requirements (9 credits in fall and spring and 6 credits in the summer). Students should refer to the Graduate Student Catalog for more information on assistantships (http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/catalog.html).

Getting Started

Only students who have formally applied to the UF Graduate School and admitted by their departments will be considered for the CMS Assistantship

To apply:

1. Complete the UF Assistantship Application form. This form is found on the Graduate School’s Web site at http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/.
2. Attach an essay describing your interests in conducting research in a transportation-related field and include any pertinent skills and experience you have. Also, be specific about your area of interest/specialization and list any other assistantships or fellowships you have applied for. If you have identified a faculty member with a research focus in transportation, include that person’s name and contact information.
3. Include your resume.
4. E-mail the form, the essay and your resume by January 25, 2009, to the CMS Manager/Coordinator at iaviles@ce.ufl.edu.
5. If you are seeking admission to any of the CMS affiliated departments (CCE, ISE, OT, URP) send an e-mail to that department informing them that you are applying for the CMS Assistantship. This will assist your department in coordinating with the CMS for tracking and decision-making purposes.

What to expect:

1. An e-mail from the CMS confirming that your application for the CMS Assistantship has been received.
2. Any other communication from the CMS regarding your application, if such information is necessary.
3. If chosen as a CMS assistantship recipient, you will be contacted by the CMS and your department.

Things to consider:

1. Before the CMS will evaluate your credentials and consider you for a CMS Assistantship, you must be granted acceptance by your department of interest.
2. You must identify a faculty member with a research focus in transportation who is affiliated with your department of interest.
3. CMS Assistantships are few and competitive, so you should not limit yourself. Seek other funding opportunities and have a plan B. Inquire about alternative funding within the department you are seeking admission.

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