

The Outstanding University Student in Transportation Research Award Nomination Form- 2026

The New Jersey Department of Transportation Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer will be selecting one student from their academic research partners to receive the ***NJDOT Outstanding University Student in Transportation Research Award***.

Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for consideration of this award, a student must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be actively or recently involved with a research project sponsored by the NJDOT Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer;
- 2) Be currently or recently enrolled in a graduate program at one of the NJDOT academic partner institutions; and
- 3) Be nominated by a faculty member or researcher associated with the research project the student was involved with.

Process and Timing:

- Submit this Award Nominee form no later than **September 16, 2026**, via email to: Janet Leli at NJLTAP jleli@soe.rutgers.edu
- Nominations will be reviewed, and the award selection made by the NJDOT Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer.
- This award will be presented during the 28th Annual NJDOT Research Showcase on October 28, 2026.

Award Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Email Address: _____

University Affiliation: _____

Degree Program Enrolled: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

NJDOT Research Project Name: _____

Nominated By: _____

Email Address: _____

(1) Please describe the student's level of participation in the research project:

(2) Please list any presentations or publications involving the student and this research:

(3) Please provide any additional supporting information explaining why this student excelled while working on this NJDOT Research Project: