

2016 National Summer Transportation Institute Program: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Headquarters' Civil Rights (HCR) Office requests Statements of Work (SOWs) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 NSTI Program.

The NSTI program is a Science, Technology and Math (STEM) focused program for High school and Middle school students. It is administered by accredited colleges, Community colleges and universities, accredited Tribal colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) and Asian-American Native American Pacific Island Serving Institutions (ANAPISI) throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Pacific Island territories and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Academic institutions interested in serving as host sites must complete and submit their application package to the Rhode Island DOT.

NSTI program objectives are to improve STEM skills, provide awareness to Middle and High school students - particularly minority, female and disadvantaged youth - about transportation careers, and encourage them to consider transportation-related courses of study in their higher education pursuits.

Host sites are required to commit significant program time to classroom participation.

The length of the program is typically 2-4 consecutive weeks. Host sites may be student day programs or residential programs in which room and board are provided by the Host Sites to the students.

Applicants Eligible for this Grant

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Academic institutions interested in serving as host sites must complete and submit their application package directly to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. These forms are available for download:

[2016 National Summer Transportation Institute Application Checklist and Evaluation Criteria](#)

[2016 National Summer Transportation Institute Statement of Work Application](#)

**Application Submission Process**

RIDOT will determine the number of NSTI host sites it wishes to fund under the state's 2016 funding allocation. Please note that based on availability of funding, schools are not guaranteed funds to serve as a host site. Statement of Work applications must be a maximum of ten pages, not including the proposal application, which shall serve as attachments. RIDOT will evaluate potential host sites on several factors, including its 2016 application and its past performance (programmatic and fiscal).

Applications are due to RIDOT no later than **3 p.m., February 15, 2016**. Email completed packages to [vanessa.crum@dot.ri.gov](mailto:vanessa.crum@dot.ri.gov) or send by mail to:

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Incomplete applications will not be accepted.