



STUDENT CHAPTER ADVISOR

At educational institutions nationwide, engineering enrollment is decreasing while the demand for skilled transportation engineers is increasing. The role of educators in promoting the transportation engineering profession has never been more critical.

Specifically, the purpose of a Student Chapter is to promote the advancement of transportation engineering by fostering the close association of students with both the profession and the Institute; to acquaint students with topics of interest in transportation engineering through competent speakers and of Chapter-sponsored trips; to foster the development of professional spirit, to promote common interests among students and to encourage the enhancement and optimization of facilities for transportation engineering study. Although the programs and activities of each student chapter vary greatly, the goal of introducing students to the transportation profession and supplementing their classroom and laboratory experiences must be maintained.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Student Chapter Advisor supports Chapter growth and development, ensures continuity through the successful transition of successive leadership, acts as an ITE liaison, and promotes both the professional and academic welfare of Chapter members. The following is a highlight of some Advisor responsibilities:

- support the development of a new ITE Student Chapter at your institution, if not already in place.
- actively recruit quality leaders at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- support member recruitment activities.
- assist with on-site technical presentations by suggesting topics and points of contacts.
- support students' participation in technical projects by offering to provide technical oversight as needed. Technical project activities can sometimes serve dual roles providing academic credit or points towards completion of a class.
- help identify sources of in-house institutional support for activities or to request the funding assistance.
- where appropriate, co-author presentations or publications for ITE forums with student members. These can be reports of preliminary findings of a sponsored project, results of a non-sponsored project or other.
- actively support the outstanding efforts of your student leaders and members.

BENEFITS & INCENTIVES

All academic advisors of CITE Student Chapters are offered the following incentives to promote student participation in ITE:

- Payment of annual membership dues, conditional based on report submission on actions taken to encourage student membership and activity in ITE;
- Payment of the registration fee for the CITE Annual Conference, conditional based on conference attendance; and
- \$500 reimbursement for resource purchases through ITE, one-time allowance.