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Transportation professionals:

I am emailing about an opportunity available to your graduate students at the **60th Transportation Research Forum conference** being held in downtown Jersey City, NJ, across the river from New York, NY, on Thursday March 12 and Friday, March 13, 2020. Experts from around the country will gather to learn about the latest research on important freight and passenger transportation. My academic center, the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University, invites graduate students to take part in its newly created **Delegate Program** at the Forum. The Delegate Program runs from 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13.

The Delegate Program will allow 6 – 8 graduate students to take part in exclusive opportunities:



- **Experiencing the conference sessions and Awards Luncheon** as a group while meeting Delegates from other universities.
- **Special networking activities** during conference breaks to converse with noted professionals in the field.
- **Group dinner at an off-site restaurant** at no cost to Delegates. (Thursday)
- A one-hour **small-group gathering** in which each delegate can converse about their career or research goals with an expert in the field (Friday).
- A **walking tour of transit-oriented development**, including the PATH Exchange Place area and Bergen-Hudson Light Rail, for Delegates only (Friday afternoon)

Students who are making poster or lectern presentations at the conference are not eligible for the program, although they may informally participate in the activities.

Delegates need to register for the conference, but can do so at a special discounted rate of \$70, which include the Awards Luncheon, one dinner, two breakfasts, and Friday tour and optional Saturday tours after the conference. The fee also includes a one-year TRF student membership. *This is a \$50 discount over the normal student rate.* Delegates arrange for their own travel, lodging and transfers.

We hope you can help support graduate students who are interested in this opportunity. Expressions of interest or questions can be sent to me at trf-chicago@depaul.edu. I will provide a registration link.

Sincerely,

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