PRESS RELEASE

UITP UNVEILS NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME IN HONOUR OF RAIL DIRECTOR LAURENT DAUBY

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Paying tribute to our Director of Rail Laurent Dauby is an important task for UITP.

Laurent, who passed away in 2019, was a passionate advocate of public transport and his expertise was focused on rail, with more than twenty years committed to the industry.

We knew that in time it would be important to honour the commitment Laurent gave to advancing public transport throughout his career.

Now, to continue his legacy, UITP is unveiling a Scholarship Programme in Laurent’s name, inviting the next generation of young, passionate leaders to become our 2021 scholars.

Laurent’s main focuses were within the rail sector and our training programmes for the UITP Academy, where he took great pleasure in sharing his expertise and being inspired by the new talent he witnessed develop.

We are pleased to now launch this new programme and encourage applicants to use this opportunity to develop their own careers.
What are the specifics of the programme and the criteria for applying?

The scholarship is being offered to five people every year, beginning in 2021.

It’s open to people under 40 years of age who are employees within public transport.

Applicants can work for a current UITP member or be from a non-member.

There will be three compulsory core courses and one elective course during the year.

In order to best assist the next generation of colleagues, applicants must be from developing countries where the GDP per capita is under USD 10k (per World Bank listings).

“Laurent was a respected colleague to many across the public transport sector, and a friend to even more. His commitment to advancing sustainable transport and enthusiasm to share his vast knowledge was recognised by all of those who knew him. UITP believes that a legacy such as his deserves to be honoured by supporting the next generation of public transport leaders and passing on the knowledge he helped to build. I encourage all of those who meet the criteria to apply for what I know will be a rich and rewarding experience.”

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General*

From those who apply, five recipients will be selected to become this year’s scholars.

Those five will then be asked to compete four courses by the end of the year and will have the opportunity to take part in a graduation ceremony alongside their fellow students who have also completed the programme.

It’s important to all of us at UITP, and those who knew and admired Laurent within the sector, to carry on his legacy by helping the next generation of public transport leaders develop.

We hope to receive a wide variety of applicants from inspiring colleagues and encourage all those who meet the criteria to apply.

Visit our dedicated UITP Academy Scholarship page for more

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