



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 **complete 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](#)

**Acting on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani SARL*

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