



WORLD CLASS TRANSIT FOR NEW ORLEANS

**RIDE NEW ORLEANS**

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## **Research Fellow – Call for Candidates**

Join our team as a Research Fellow! In July 2014, Ride New Orleans released "The State of Transit in New Orleans," a comprehensive analysis of how our public transportation service, operations and finances have evolved post-Katrina. Our analysis revealed that the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (NORTA) offers just a fraction (36%) of its pre-Katrina transit service, that the neighborhoods that need transit the most have seen the greatest reductions of service, and that the RTA is operating at a deficit while paying more for its services than comparable transit agencies. For the 2015 update to the report, we'll take our analysis regional. The Research Fellow will play an integral role in investigating and analyzing data to support the release of our annual update to "The State of Transit" report series.

### **As our Research Fellow, you will:**

- Investigate and analyze data for all regional transit agencies and jurisdictions from sources including but not limited to the National Transit Database, the US Census and American Community Survey, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics;
- Identify trends among the data;
- Review past planning efforts, studies and other relevant literature to the analysis;
- Develop graphs, charts and tables that are easy to digest;
- Summarize key findings and contribute written content to the report;
- Provide related research support on other Ride initiatives; and
- Learn about working for a nonprofit organization tackling critical transportation issues confronting the New Orleans region.

### **What we require:**

- Current undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates with degrees in public policy, transportation planning, urban planning, urban studies or related fields
- Possess strong technical skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint required; ArcGIS proficiency a plus
- Understanding of basic statistical analysis, research methods and procedures
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Willingness to give and receive constructive feedback. Self-reflective
- Comfort with technology



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**Availability:**

You must be available to work 10 - 15 hours per week in our office (2100 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.).

**Compensation:**

The Research Fellow will be paid \$15 per hour.

**To Apply:**

E-mail [rachel@rideneworleans.org](mailto:rachel@rideneworleans.org) with your resume, and a one page letter of interest explaining 1) why you are interested in the position, 2) why you are uniquely qualified for the role, and 3) how your skills, experiences and education have prepared you for this role. You may also be asked to submit a writing sample. Applications are due by December 19, 2014.

**About us:**

For those who depend on transit—because of age, income, or disability—or those who take it by choice, Ride New Orleans advocates for safe, convenient and affordable transportation choices. Our vision is world-class transit for the New Orleans region that supports healthier communities and people; creates opportunities for all residents to achieve greater economic success; fosters revitalized commercial corridors and neighborhoods; enhances quality of life; and promotes social, environmental and economic sustainability.