

# Student Leadership in High-Speed Rail Transportation

**Mission:** I Will Ride is a student outreach program at the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) dedicated to connecting students to information and career opportunities on the nation's first high-speed rail system currently under construction.





# **STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

There are opportunities for students to gain experience working on the California high-speed rail project. A number of student assistants, fellows and interns who worked on the project have gone on to full-time positions at the Authority.



### **Student Assistants**

Student Assistants work in state departments to perform tasks within a variety of areas including information technology, engineering, human resources, communications and administration. For all positions, students must be actively enrolled in an accredited college or university in courses equaling 9 quarter or 6 semester units. Learn more about student employment and other State of California Jobs by visiting *Cal Careers*.



### **Interns and Fellows**

High-Speed Rail has worked with several organizations to host fellows and interns for their service term at our department. Programs include the nationally recognized Sacramento State Capital Fellows Program, the Governor's CivicSpark AmeriCorps program and the University of California, Berkeley's Cal-in-Sacramento Fellowship.



## **Prime Contractor Internships**

There are many contractors that work on the California High-Speed Rail Program that offer internships, fellowships and entry level job opportunities. You can find these companies listed on our *jobs page* and by regularly checking what companies have been awarded contracts at our *Contracts*Out For Bid page.

#### CAPSTONE AND CLASS PROJECTS

High-speed rail has been a hot topic among school projects for its contribution to California's leadership in the country for bold climate innovation! If you would like to do a project or capstone on California's high-speed rail project, contact us at *iwillride@hsr.ca.gov* to request support with dynamic resources and reports.

#### **INVESTING IN FUTURE TRANSPORTATION LEADERS**

We collaborate with education partners to engage a diverse student demographic historically underrepresented in the transportation field. Our diverse staff also demonstrates to students the job opportunities on a megaproject like California high-speed rail. We have proudly collaborated with programs such as LA Metro's Transportation Career and Program, Introducing Youth to American Infrastructure+, Society of Women Engineers, Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), and the Society of Hispanic and Professional Engineers.











## SIGN-UP FOR I WILL RIDE

Students can sign up for I Will Ride free and easily online at hsr.ca.gov/i-will-ride. I Will Ride members receive monthly I Will Ride updates that provide up-to-date lists of scholarships, internships, fellowships and entry-level job opportunities on everything high-speed rail and transportation related. We also provide classroom resources, networking events and dynamic presentations on topics including construction, sustainability and engineering.



"I wanted to work on this project as I believe California high-speed rail is an integral part of the fight against climate change and the promotion of greater social and economic mobility. Equally important to my personal enthusiasm for the project were all the amazing, talented and kind people I met during my fellowship. My mentors truly cared about me and worked to make my experience meaningful."

> Kaleo Mark Former Communications Fellow. Cal-in-Sacramento Program









