PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY STUDENTS AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

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San Jose State University: Background Data

- One of 23 campuses of the California State University (CSU) system
 - Located in San Jose, largest municipality of the San Francisco Bay Area
 - Oldest of the campuses (1857), evolving from the Minns State Normal School
 - Semi-autonomous university, with 30,000 students, numerous academic departments
 - Urban and Regional Planning Dept. (URBP)
 was organised in the early 1970s

Urban & Regional Planning (URBP)

- Urban & Regional Planning (URBP) is one of a few planning depts. in the Bay Area
 - Master of Urban Planning (MUP) and other concurrent degree programs
 - Over 20 graduate & undergraduate
 courses—two primary transport electives
 - 7 full-time and 10 adjunct faculty in department
 - 2 full-time and 3 adjunct faculty in transport

URBP Statement

- Mission: "Using Silicon Valley as a living lab, the MUP program at SJSU prepares diverse planning leaders who affect transformative change and create just, sustainable, and vibrant communities."
- Goal 2: "The MUP program recruits a growing and diverse student population."
- Goal 3: "Faculty and students advance planning practice through professional work, civic engagement, scholarly research

Student Population

- SJSU, a public sector institution, is world class, offering value for money
- URBP seeks to attract serious students from the state, as well as countries worldwide
- There are 50 students in the MUP program,
 15% of them from developing countries
- Program curricula and faculty-supported research provide diverse knowledge and opportunities for development.

Student Opportunity

- Education: Along with other Planning curricula, URBP offer students local and regional transport planning courses
- Research: Through URBP faculty, students are involved in research through the affiliated Mineta Transport Institute (MTI)
- Consulting: Faculty regularly brief students on internships/employment at public and private agencies (e.g., SFMTA, Fehr & Peers)

Thank you!





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