



Research Opportunity for Transportation Institutes and Universities

Join us in taking action and engaging the next generation of researchers to help make a difference in the fight against sex and labor trafficking in the transportation sector.

United Against Slavery (UAS) spent six years developing a Collaborative Research Model and data collection methodology and repository to collect, maintain, and publish human trafficking data. Our initial threads of effort included Pilot Studies in 2016 and 2018 and a National Outreach Survey for Flight Attendants in early 2020. This project not only offered proof of our concept but also provided a treasure trove of information from frontline transportation workers, which clearly outlined the magnitude of the problem. UAS has collaborated with more than [50 experts in 22 countries](#). During 2020, UAS became the first-ever recipient of the USDOT Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation [Impact Award](#). Data, resulting from this USDOT award, will be made available through a final report and an open-source database.

The winning proposal is the UAS introduction of the **2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation**, a comprehensive frontline survey for multi-modes of transportation, to identify what is and is not working on the frontlines and document unresolved challenges in counter-trafficking efforts. A survivor survey will also be included for sex and labor trafficking survivors to uncover how transportation was used in their exploitation and healing journeys. UAS is now seeking Transportation Institutes and Universities to collaborate. Please note that additional opportunities for Contributors exist outside of Transportation Institutes.

Contributor Roles and Responsibilities (depending upon role selected):

- Identify mode of transportation focus for Institute and contribute topics/survey questions for that mode of transportation. Transportation baseline questions have already been drafted but custom topics/questions are being sought for individual industry modes.
- Recommend data points to be collected in the study that may support current or future Institute research.
- May participate in a Working Group or stand-alone Contributor. Working Groups include Policy, Analytics, Transportation Outreach, Data Visualization, and Forced Labor.
- Identify key contacts within the transportation industry that could benefit from distributing this survey to their employees/members.
- Participate in a Focus Group of Transportation Institutes.
- Contribute to limited data analytics and author a segment in the final data report. More expansive participation is available.

Benefits and Opportunities with Participation. Your Institute (and Contributors) would be officially a part of a national priority, in the United States and in other countries.

- Institution and approved students may contribute to data analysis and author a segment of the final report.
- Data can be used in classes and to support additional research.
- Full acknowledgement of participation may be included on the UAS website and in the final report. Transportation Institute and students may be recognized as Contributors to the NOS for Transportation. Inclusion of participation can be included on the resumes of approved students.
- Institution Team will gain access to data prior to the public-at-large and will be allowed to publish at a pre-determined time.
- Positions Institute to participate in future National Outreach Surveys.
- Provides experience to students to prepare for future jobs and exposes them to research with a social impact.

Time Commitment: Approximately 20 hours during the next 6-8 months; time may vary according to the level of participation.

* Working Groups include Policy, Analytics, Transportation Outreach, Data Visualization, and Forced Labor. More information can be found on our [website](#). Questions can be sent to research@unitedagainstsavery.org.