



SAFER-SIM CUTC Student of the Year

Our internal reviewers considered Francis's contributions to be "Excellent" in all categories: technical merit, academic performance, leadership, and overall. Francis will receive \$1,000 plus the cost of attendance to the 2020 98th Annual TRB Meeting taking place in Washington, DC, and will be honored at the banquet. It is an honor to work with him through SAFER-SIM.



Francis Tainter

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Francis Tainter completed a bachelor's and master's degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is now working toward receiving his Doctorate's degree in the same field. Francis has worked as a data collection technician since 2014, and has worked as an intern for the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the MassDOT for the past 3 years. During his time at UMass Amherst, he was both an undergraduate and graduate research assistant, a supplemental instructor, a teaching assistant, and an instructor of record.

Francis has continually contributed to a myriad of SAFER-SIM initiatives. He has been involved with SAFER-SIM since the inception (dating back to his time as an undergraduate student) and has been actively involved in all facets of the UTC. He has exceptionally displayed the qualities the Student of the Year should possess.

Technical: Francis has played an active role in roughly 10 research projects – ranging from data collection to experimental design through being the student lead and primary author.

Academic Performance: Francis has received over 9 academic awards and achievements, and graduated Cum Laude with Honors Distinction in 2016.

Leadership: Francis is very involved in extracurricular activities and is a member of the following affiliations: Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, Institute of Transportation Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, and Transportation Research Board.

Take a look at some of his previous accomplishments and work with SAFER-SIM below!

CV: [Curriculum Vitae](#)

Webinar: [Analysis of Driver Performance and Operations at Intersections Auxiliary Through Lanes](#)

Final Report: [Analysis of Driver Behavior and Operations at Intersection Short Lanes](#)

Congratulations to our winner!