

Elizabeth Smith

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OBJECTIVE

Motivated master's student in Urban Planning with a background in transportation research and growing knowledge of planning concepts through coursework. Eager to apply strong analytical, communication, and problem-solving skills to support diverse transportation planning projects while gaining hands-on experience in the field.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona

Master of Science in Urban Planning

Anticipated Completion: May 2027

- Concentrations in Transportation, Housing & Real Estate Development
- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Relevant Coursework: Transportation and Society, Methods in Urban Planning, Planning Theory & Practice, Graphic Skills, Comprehensive Planning & Land Use Controls, Introduction to GIS for Urban Planning

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Science in Psychological Science - Magna Cum Laude

December 2024

- Relevant Coursework: Introduction to the Study of Communication, Psychology of Leadership

Honors: Dean's List with Distinction, 2024 | Dean's List, 2021, 2022, 2023

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Learning Specialist

July 2025 - Present

C.A.T.S. Academics | University of Arizona | Tucson, AZ

- Provide individualized, holistic academic support to student-athletes by guiding coursework, fostering study strategies, and reinforcing time management skills to promote long-term academic success.
- Coach students in building critical academic habits, including organization, goal setting, and self-advocacy, while adapting support strategies to meet diverse learning needs in a one-on-one setting.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2024 - December 2024

Ryan Research Group | Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, University of Arizona | Tucson, AZ

- Collaborated on the recruitment, development, and execution of a transportation safety study utilizing a driving simulator, co-authoring the final report to be presented at a professional conference.
- Attended the American Society of Civil Engineers' International Conference on Transportation and Development in June 2024 to enhance knowledge of the transportation industry and network professionally.
- Completed literature reviews, research, and presentations regarding ergonomic practices in transportation.
- Provided ongoing support and collaboration with team members, helping maintain project momentum.

PUBLICATIONS

Haroon, S. M., **Smith, E.**, & Ryan, A. (2025). Optimizing sound alerts for traveler information systems: Insights from a driving simulator and eye tracking study. *Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour*, 114, 1077–1097.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trf.2025.07.022>

AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association | Women's Transportation Seminar | Graduate Planning Society

SKILLS

Public Speaking | Research design | Literature review | Team collaboration | Technical Writing | Effective communication