CN renews support for UIUC Rail Engineering Program

The University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, said Canadian National made a new $325,000 donation to the university’s Railroad Engineering Program, a gift that renews the company’s generous commitment to railroad engineering education.

“This gift allows us to continue and extend our success in developing courses, conducting research and teaching students about rail transport and engineering,” said Professor Christopher Barkan, the director of the Railroad Engineering Program. “This gift also provides key funding for our railroad engineering lecturer position, which has greatly expanded our unique ability to prepare our students for careers in the railroad industry.”

CN has now donated more than $1 million since 2002 in support of the Railroad Engineering Program.

In 2002, CN’s initial gift of $400,000 was matched by the university and endowed an ongoing fellowship supporting graduate students’ research and education in rail engineering. In 2006, a $300,000 gift helped establish the lecturer position.