The Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowship Program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University provides financial support for the research training of exceptional graduate students regardless of nationality. The topic of the research conducted by the student should be relevant to the agriculture of Southwest Texas, and the research must be conducted in the State of Texas. Recipients are selected twice yearly with fellowships beginning January first and September first. The length of the fellowship is for no less than two semesters and no more than three semesters (12 months). The stipend is comparable with those of other competitive graduate fellowships. Fellows are selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. All criteria must be met by the applicant in order for his/her application to be considered.

**Fellowship:** The fellowship is a $24,000 ($2,000/month) stipend for a period of up to one year, an allocation of $1,692 to purchase graduate student health insurance if requested, and payment of $5,605 in tuition (but not fees) for up to 24 credit hours (9 Fall, 9 Spring, and 6 Summer). Fellows can apply for a Professional development Grant for up to $1,000 for expenses, such as travel to a meeting, workshop, short course, registration, visit another lab to learn techniques, unique educational activity, etc. as recommended by the Chair of the Graduate Advisory Committee and approved by the Chair of the Tom Slick Committee. The grant cannot be used to defray travel or expenses related to the student’s dissertation research. This yields a total package of up to $32,298.

**Selection and Criteria**

1. The applicant must be a fulltime PhD graduate student enrolled in one of the following PhD degree programs within the departments listed below:
   a. Agricultural Economics in the Dept. of Agricultural Economics
   b. Animal Science, Animal Breeding, or Physiology of Reproduction in the Dept. of Animal Science
   c. Horticulture or Plant Breeding in the Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
   d. Poultry Science in the Dept. of Poultry Science
   e. Ecosystem Science and Management in the Dept. of Ecosystem Science and Management
   f. Agronomy, Plant Breeding, or Soil Science in the Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences
   g. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences in the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
2. Expected graduation date must be at the end of 2 or 3 semesters from the semester of the award.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.
4. The applicant must be engaged in dissertation research for his/her degree. Course work should be essentially completed by the time of application; each application is considered individually.
5. Applicants must have passed their preliminary examination at the time of the application.
6. Applicants may not be employed on another full assistantship/fellowship and receive this award.
7. The applicant must be a full-time student and must be enrolled in at least 9 hours during the regular semester and at least 6 hours during the summer session.
8. U.S or Non-U.S citizens are eligible to apply.

**General Schedule of Awards**

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