

**Willie Mae Harris Fellowships
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

The Willie Mae Harris Fellowship was established by the Mr. John Richard Harris to support graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The fellowship is \$12,000 for the academic year. The graduate student must be an outstanding MS (thesis option) or PhD graduate student who has served as a Graduate Assistant Teaching (GAT) for at least two semesters..

Purpose: To reward outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching (GAT) and relieve them of a portion of their teaching load towards the end of their graduate program so they can focus on their thesis or dissertation research.

Assistantship Match: It is expected that the department will continue the student on a GAT, but at a reduced load compared to the student’s normal teaching load. The department determines how the fellowship is mixed-and-matched over the course of the year.

Eligibility: (Similar to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Fellowship)

- 1) Nominee must be a MS (thesis option) or PhD graduate student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- 2) Nominee must have taught as a ½-time effort Graduate Assistant Teaching (GAT) for two full semesters (SSI+SSII or 10-week summer sessions constitutes 1 full-semester) at TAMU. Lecturers are not eligible.
- 3) US Citizen or permanent resident
- 4) The nominee must be equivalent to the instructor of record in the course (s); e.g. they met with and taught the lecture or lab section, prepared and graded exams, and assigned grades or recommended grades to the faculty member with oversight over the lecture/lab sections. GANTs that assisted the faculty member, who presented the lecture/lab, are not eligible.
- 5) The GAT must have student evaluations.
- 6) The nominee must represent excellence in college-level teaching, have outstanding pedagogical and mentoring skills, have student teaching evaluations, have a reputation for ethical behavior in all aspects of scholarly life, and their research potential must be of high quality.
- 7) The nominee must have an approved thesis or dissertation research proposal on file in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies by the time of the application.
- 8) One nominee can be submitted per department.

Deadline: Nominations are due to aglsgradinfo@tamu.edu by date on Nomination Form.