

FY19 Merit Fellowship Guidelines

1. Fellowships should be awarded at the college level. Offer letter must designate the recipient as Texas A&M University/ Association of Former Students Merit Fellows. Names of recipients shall be provided in annual reporting.
2. Funds must be a part of a multi-year commitment denoted in offer letters. At least 4 years for PhD students admitted directly into PhD and 3 years for PhD students admitted with recognized master’s degree, and one year for master’s students.
3. Minimum award amount from OGAPS Merit Fellowship funds: Option 1 -- \$25,000 total for doctoral awards and \$15,000 total for master’s awards; Option 2 – 20% above department assistantship base rate for doctoral and master’s awards. Each year the multi-year award must be a minimum of \$25,000 for option 1 or 20% above the departmental assistantship for option 2.
4. Maximum of 15% of total allocation may be used for master’s student awards, except for 25% for Mays Business School, 50% for Architecture, and 100% for Bush School.
5. Annual report due in Fall 2019 to OGAPS. Format TBD.
6. No more than 5% of funds will be allowed to carry forward to future years unless exception approved by Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies.
7. Student cannot receive any other large fellowship (of similar or greater value). However, students may have the option of deferring additional fellowships with the approval of the college. Additional criteria may be required at the college’s discretion.
8. Merit Fellows must be domestic students (i.e., US citizen or resident alien).

FY19 Back Up Allocation

Back up funds should be requested from OGAPS by April 15th, 2018.

In addition to the information below, when requesting back funding please provide justification for the additional offers and acceptances.

Department	Total Offers Made	Total Offers Accepted	Total OGAPS Funds Offered