

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). Fellows are selected by the Tom Slick Selection Committee, which is appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and is composed of a member from each eligible department. 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 \$2,676 to purchase graduate student health insurance if requested, and payment of \$6677 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 \$34,353.

### **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. Dept. of Agricultural Economics: Agricultural Economics
  - b. Dept. of Animal Science: Animal Science, Animal Breeding, or Physiology of Reproduction,
  - c. Dept. of Horticultural Sciences: Horticulture or Plant Breeding
  - d. Dept. of Poultry Science: Poultry Science
  - e. Dept. of Ecosystem Science and Management: Ecosystem Science and Management
  - f. Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences: Agronomy, Plant Breeding, or Soil Science
  - g. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences: Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
2. Expected graduation date must be at the end of 2 to 4 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.
5. Course work should be essentially complete (except 691) at the end of the semester of the application (not more 9 SCH or so of lecture/lab courses remaining).
6. Applicants must have passed their preliminary examination at the time of the application.
7. Applicant should have a dissertation proposal submitted in final stages of review.
8. Applicants may not be employed on another full assistantship/fellowship and receive this award.
9. The applicant must be enrolled full-time (9 credit hours fall and spring semester, 6 hours summer session) and must be in residence actively pursuing the research for their degree. The applicant may be off-campus at one of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Centers or may be at a remote site for the purpose of actively conducting research, collecting data, etc. in the field or away from campus, if such off-campus research is dictated by their dissertation proposal, but not for the purpose of writing or if they are registered *in absentia*. U.S or Non-U.S citizens are eligible to apply.

**General Schedule of Awards**

Announcement

Deadline

Notify those selected

**Fall**

March

April

middle of May

**Spring**

October

end of October

before Thanksgiving