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Excellence Fellowship FY24

The College will award Excellence Fellowships matched with departmental assistantships. The goal is to recruit and matriculate top quality PhD graduate students or MS (thesis option) graduate students with a career objective to pursue a PhD, especially students who add diversity to our graduate program. Master’s students currently enrolled at Texas A&M who have applied to a PhD program for Fall 2023 admissions and have not received a Merit or Excellence Fellowship previously are eligible to be nominated for an Excellence Fellowship.

College Excellence Fellowship

- 1/2 match @ Dept base + 10%; tuition + fees, and insurance, if needed, 1st year

Departmental Assistantship

- 1/2 match @ Dept base + 10%, 1st year

Selection and Criteria

Awards will be made on a competitive basis using an evaluation rubric that considers:

- **Grades** (weight 20%)
- **Academics** (weight 25%): Based on University or program nominee attended, clarity of career objectives, statement of purpose, commitment to pursue a Ph.D., class rank, academic awards and honors, etc. This reflects your impression of the overall academic training and potential of the student.
- **High Impact Experiential Learning** (weight 20%): Based on research experiences (REU, honors research, graduate research, independent study, etc.), study abroad, internships, special projects, etc. Emphasis is on independent research experiences that resulted in presentations, posters, abstracts, publications, etc.
- **Demonstrated Leadership, Contribution to College Diversity, other attributes that formulate your strong support** (weight 20%): Based on leadership experiences, involvement in societies, organizations, department/university (e.g., clubs, scientific societies, officer positions), contribution to diversity in the college, other attributes.
- **Strength of letters of recommendation** (weight 15%): Based on strength of letters of recommendation. Indicate overall quantitative (e.g., top 1%, top quartile, etc.) or qualitative ranking (e.g., best, above average, etc.).
- Must be a first-time MS thesis option or PhD graduate student admitted for Fall 2023.
- Preference will be given to PhD or Master of Science (thesis option) students who have declared a career objective to pursue a PhD
- Domestic and international students are eligible.

Deadlines

- **Applications will be accepted beginning on February 1, 2023 through the AGLS InfoReady Portal.**
- After February 16th, applications will be screened on a weekly basis.
- Merit Fellowship applicants who were not selected for a Merit Fellowship will be considered for an Excellence Fellowship.
- Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.
- Student has until April 15 to accept/decline, but will be asked to respond within 2 weeks, if possible.

Nomination link in AGLS InfoReady Portal: <https://tamu-agls.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1888720>