



Criteria

DOW-AGLS GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS in PLANT PROTECTION for Thesis Option Masters Students

The **Dow-AGLS Graduate Assistantship in Plant Protection** provides financial support for the research training of exceptional Thesis-Option Masters students regardless of nationality in the second year of their graduate studies. The topic of the research conducted by the successful applicant is related to Plant Protection. The research must be conducted in the state of Texas. First-year thesis-option Masters students who matriculated in the previous fall semester apply in the spring of their first year. Recipients of the Dow-AGLS assistantship are selected in late spring with support beginning on August 16th or September 1st. The assistantship provides full support for three semesters (12 months) in the first-year of the award. Support for tuition and fees only in the following year will be considered. Conference registration fees for recipients presenting at the Texas Plant Protection Association Conference are provided once during the duration of the award. Recipients are selected by a committee appointed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. All criteria must be met by the applicant in order for her/his application to be considered.

Assistantship

The assistantship provides a \$20,000 stipend (\$1,666.67/month) for one year, an allocation for graduate student health insurance, if requested, and tuition and fees, for up to 24 credit hours (9 Fall, 9 Spring, and 6 Summer). Requests for support of tuition and fees (up to \$11,000) in the following year, up to 24 credit hours (9 Fall, 9 Spring, and 6 Summer), will be considered when accompanied by progress report and a letter from the recipient's faculty advisor demonstrating outstanding research progress and need. Fellows are required to provide an updated CV and a brief summary of accomplishments at the end of each year during the Fellowship period. Support from the Assistantship cannot be used to defray travel or expenses related to the student's MS research.

Selection and Criteria

1. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time thesis-option Masters graduate student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
2. Applications will be evaluated based on grades in undergraduate and graduate coursework, past experiences, demonstration of the relationship of the research project to plant protection, and the letter of commitment to the project from the faculty advisor.
3. The applicant must demonstrate that her/his research is related to plant protection.
4. The applicant may not be employed on another full assistantship/fellowship and receive this award.
5. The applicant must be enrolled full-time (9 credit hours fall & spring, 6 hours summer sessions).
6. U.S. and Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.

Schedule of Call for Applications

Announcement	March
Deadline	Late April
Notify those selected	Mid-May
Assistantship begins	mid-August