



Criteria and Rubric

G. Rollie White College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Endowed Masters Graduate Fellowship

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will award the G. Rollie White College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Endowed Graduate Fellowship to exceptional first-time Master of Agriculture (MAg) and Masters (MS) students who intend to pursue a career in an agricultural and/or life science field. The fellowship award is \$10,000. Two fellows will be selected by a committee of faculty appointed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. All criteria must be met in order for a nominee's application to be considered. The fellowship may be renewed for one additional year for awardees in good academic standing with written support from the department or faculty advisor.

Selection and Criteria

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

- **Grades** (weight 20%)
- **Statement of Purpose from the Nominee** (weight 20%): The statement of purpose must indicate the nominee's intended career. The student should address how s/he has prepared for this career path during previous educational and extracurricular activities and how their chosen master's program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will support their chosen career.
- **Letter of Nomination** (total weight 60%): The letter of nomination from the nominating department or faculty advisor should describe the overall academic training and potential of the nominee highlighting comments from letters of recommendation where appropriate. The nominating letter should address:
 - A. the nominee's commitment to pursue a career in an agricultural and/or life science field, the pertinence and quality of the nominee's previous education, academic awards and honors, the clarity of the nominee's career objectives and purpose (weight 20%).
 - B. the nominee's high-impact learning experiences, such as participation in research (REU programs, honors research, undergraduate research, independent study, etc.), study abroad, internships, special projects, etc. Details of independent experiences that resulted in presentations, posters, abstracts, publications, etc., should be emphasized (weight 20%).
 - C. the nominee's leadership experiences (officer positions), involvement in clubs, scientific societies, other organizations (department, university, local, national, international), unique contributions, and any other attributes that inform your strong support for the nominee (weight 20%).
- **CV or resume:** Upload the nominee's up-to-date CV or resume.

Nominee must be a first-time MAg or MS graduate student admitted for Summer or Fall 2024.

The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time MAg or MS student in a graduate program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

To receive this fellowship, the awardee must reside in Texas, either in the Bryan/College Station area or near the AgriLife facility where the committee chair has his/her faculty position.

U.S. and Non-U.S. citizens may be nominated.

Deadlines

- **The applications will be accepted through the AGLS InfoReady Portal until March 4, 2024.**

The rubric the reviewers will use is on the next page. Please make sure the statement of purpose and the letter of nomination addresses the attributes to be considered by the reviewers.

Nomination link in AGLS InfoReady Portal: <https://tamu-agls.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1932039>
