



## Criteria

### G. Rollie White Trust College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Endowed Graduate Fellowship for the Borlaug Scholars Program – Doctoral Students

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will award the G. Rollie White Trust College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Endowed Graduate Fellowship for the Borlaug Scholars Program to provide financial support for the training of exceptional doctoral students in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences who intend to pursue a career in an agricultural and/or life science field. The fellowship award is \$10,000 per year. Fellows will be selected by a committee of college faculty appointed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. All criteria must be met in order for a nominee's application to be considered. Fellows will be eligible to receive the fellowship award for up to four years if in good academic standing with an annual letter of support provided by the department or the faculty advisor.

#### Additional Support

##### College

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will support the Fellow's resident tuition plus university and college fees (not including Distance Education Differential Tuition or program fees) for years 1-2 if the student remains in good academic standing with an annual letter of support provided by the department or the faculty advisor.

##### Departmental Assistantship

50% FTE stipend for Ph.D. student at department base rate and insurance, if needed, years 1-4; resident tuition plus university and college fees, years 3-4, if the student remains in good academic standing.

#### 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 doctoral program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will support their chosen career.
- **Letter of Nomination** (weight 60%): The letter of nomination from the nominating department or faculty advisor should describe the nominee's overall academic training and potential. The letter of nomination may include comments from the letters of recommendation in the nominee's graduate school admissions application to help reviewers understand the nominee's potential. 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, and the clarity of the nominee's career objectives and purpose (weight 20%).
  - B. the nominee's high-impact learning experiences, including participation in research (REU programs, honors research, graduate research, independent study, etc.), study abroad trips, 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.

Must be a continuing doctoral student in good academic standing in a graduate program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

While receiving fellowship support, the awardee must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in a graduate program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

While receiving fellowship support, 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.

Awardees will be expected to attend a reception to meet the donors who support this Fellowship.



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

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

**Deadlines**

- **The applications will be accepted in the AGLS InfoReady Portal until March 13, 2024.**

**Nomination link in AGLS InfoReady Portal:** <https://tamu-agls.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/1932042>