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TOM SLICK GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

for current PhD students performing research relevant to agriculture in the State of Texas

The **Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowship Program** in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences provides financial support for the research training of exceptional doctoral students regardless of nationality. The topic of the research conducted by the student should be relevant to agriculture, and the research must be conducted in the State of Texas. Recipients are selected twice yearly, with fellowships beginning January 1st and August 1st or August 15th. The fellowship is at least two semesters and, at most, three semesters (12 months). Fellows are selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Fellows must provide an updated CV and a summary of accomplishments at the end of the Fellowship period.

Fellowship: The fellowship provides a $30,000 ($2,500/month) stipend for a period of up to one year, reimbursement of graduate student health insurance costs if requested, and tuition and required University and College fees for up to 24 credit hours (9 Fall, 9 Spring, and 6 Summer; support will not be provided for Distance Education Differential Tuition or special program fees). Fellows may apply for a Professional Development Grant that will reimburse up to $1,000 for expenses for travel to and/or registration fees for a meeting, workshop, short course, visit to another lab to learn techniques, unique educational activity, etc., as recommended by the Chair of the recipient's Graduate Advisory Committee and approved by the Chair of the Tom Slick Committee. The Professional Development Grant may not be used to defray travel or expenses directly related to the student's research. This yields a total package worth more than $46,000.

Selection and Criteria

1. The applicant must be a full-time Ph.D. graduate student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences supervised by a graduate committee chair who is ad loc'd to a department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
2. The applicant's research must be relevant to agriculture and conducted in the State of Texas.
3. The expected graduation date must be 2 to 4 semesters from when the award is made.
4. The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.
5. Coursework should be complete (except 691) by the end of the semester of the application.
6. Applicants must have passed their preliminary examination at the time of the application.
7. Applicants must have an approved dissertation proposal with the Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional School at the time of the application.
8. Applicants may not be employed on another full assistantship/fellowship and receive this award. If the department's base stipend is higher than $30,000, the awardee's graduate committee chair or department may provide additional funds to increase the stipend to 10% higher than the department's base stipend.

9. The applicant must be enrolled full-time (9 credit hours fall & spring, 6 hours summer).
10. U.S. and non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.
11. **A maximum of two nominations will be accepted from each department. If a department has more than two nominations, preliminary selection should be made at the department level.**

- **Nominations will be accepted through the AGLS InfoReady Portal until November 5, 2026.**

Call for Applications	**Fall**	**Spring**
Announcement	October	Early April
Deadline	Early November	End of April
Notify those selected	Before Thanksgiving	Mid-May
Fellowship Begins	Spring	Fall

Tom Slick Nomination Materials and Instructions: InfoReady link and required application documents

1. Apply HERE. Sign in with your TAMU NetID and password (do not use your agnet email address).

2. Upload responses to the following items as a single PDF document:
   - Applicant Statement - summary of dissertation proposal. Describe the significance of your research studies, indicate the research that has and will be conducted and the approach(es), and indicate the research location. Add any bibliographic information you deem necessary.
   - Statement and Recommendation from Chair of Advisory Committee.
   - Refereed journal articles - published, in review, or submitted.
   - Non-refereed or editor-reviewed publications, chapters, or books.
   - Presentations - abstracts, indicate oral or poster presentation; give complete citation with authors, the title of presentation, dates, and name of the conference.
   - Grant Activity.
   - Teaching Experience.
   - Organizations - Department, TAMU, State, and National. List organizations, indicate leadership positions or offices held, and other activities.
   - International Experience.
   - Internship.
   - List coursework on your Degree Plan that is yet to be completed (you will attach your current Degree Evaluation below).
3. Current CV.
4. Current Degree Evaluation.