**Graduate Merit Scholarship - STEM**

The Graduate Merit Scholarships aim to attract outstanding master's students to Texas A&M University-San Antonio. These scholarships can be combined with graduate assistantships or departmental scholarships to create an appealing financial aid package for exceptional applicants. Graduate Merit Scholarships provide $1,000 to new master’s students for their first academic year of study and make them eligible for in-state tuition. To be eligible for the merit scholarship in M.S. Biology, M.S. Computer Science, M.S. Cyber Security, M.S., Psychology, or M.S. Water Resources Science & Technology, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

1. Submitting the graduate admissions application by the Fall application deadline of June 15 (International students application deadline is May 1).
2. Unconditional admission to a master's program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
3. No current or prior enrollment in a master's program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
4. Academic records showing relevant discipline courses.
5. A highly competitive entry GPA.
6. A highly competitive GRE or GMAT score (if required for admission to the program).

Only the graduate program coordinator can nominate applicants for the graduate merit scholarship. To nominate an applicant, the graduate program coordinator should compose a concise nomination letter (no exceeding one page) tailored for a general audience. The letter should include the following information about the applicant:

* the student’s entry GPA
* a summary of the applicant’s prior academic achievements
* relevant experiences outside of the classroom
* indications of the applicant’s potential for future success and alignment with the program
* rank as one of the top applicants

An electronic copy of the nomination letter must be sent to the Graduate Studies (graduate.studies@tamusa.edu) by the deadline of July 15 (international student deadline by June 1). In addition to the nomination letter, the applicant's GPA, GRE or GMAT score (if required by the program), letters of recommendation, resume, and the statement of purpose will be provided to the Graduate Studies. If the program does not require these documents for admission, the graduate program coordinator must inform the applicant to send the documents to Graduate Studies no later than August 1 deadline.

Awards will be granted to the most qualified applicants as determined by the scholarship selection committees from each college. The selection committees will provide their recommendations to the Dean of Graduate Studies, who will make the final decision.

For additional information about the merit scholarships offered at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, please email the Graduate Studies at: graduate.studies@tamusa.edu or give us a call at (210) 784-1414.