

TAMS Summer Research Scholarship Agreement, 2019. Please sign and upload as part of your application.

- 1. Accepting a TAMS Summer Research Scholarship requires full-time participation in the ten-week summer session (June 3-August 8).**
- 2. Summer Research Scholars must register and pay for at least one semester-credit-hour (preferably HNRS 3996) that reflects guided study or research. Some academic departments may prefer that the hour(s) of record be within their own department.**
- 3. If a UNT research professor demands that you take three semester-credit hours, within his/her department, then so be it. Either way, we request that applicants obtain the professor's approval to enroll for those hours on a Pass/Fail basis, as the summer research experience is not about earning still one more "A." At stake, rather, are the enchantment, discipline, and outcomes accompanying the adventure of research.**
- 4. Scholarship holders conducting research on the UNT Denton campus will live in McConnell Hall on the UNT campus and pay for room and board, along with end-of-summer clean-up fees, if necessary. (Students are required to sign up for summer housing and should fill out an on-line application at <https://housing.unt.edu/>)**
- 5. Summer Research Scholars may apply their awards toward 10 weeks of research at another university, but must still register for HNRS 3996 through UNT.**
- 6. UNT-based Summer Research Scholars must purchase a meal plan for the 10-week period.**
- 7. Students conducting research on the UNT Denton campus must obey all TAMS and UNT rules associated with living on campus during the summer.**
- 8. The scholarship is for the 10-week summer session at UNT (June 3 – August 8). Exceptions will be rare and will not include your wish to take advantage of family travel plans, or other commitments falling short of documented illness or for absence related to bereavement.**
- 9. That said, part of the application form will include the right of petition, should you receive a scholarship, to be absent for a maximum of up to five consecutive weekdays solely for the purpose of attending an educational event that stands to enhance your future studies—for example, an academic panel for which you are making plans at the time when you apply for the summer scholarship, or a college visit—about which you must inform us when you apply for the TAMS Summer Scholarship. There will be no allowance, after the application period, for leave time that simply "springs up" because of unanticipated or newly sought opportunities. Your petition for up to five days of excused absence will be part of this upload (please see below). Any leave of absence must be approved by both the faculty research mentor and the TAMS administration. The mentor's approval does not override the disposition of the scholarship sponsor (that is, of the TAMS administration).**

10. Students will not be allowed to petition for at-home residence in order to assume extensive oversight responsibilities for family members. While we regret the possible need for such commitment, it is inconsistent with the responsibilities that we expect of you, on campus, in the lab, and as members of a community of young researchers.

11. Students who go home for medical reasons must see a physician and must bring an M.D. note with them on return. The emphasis is on M.D. or an assigned P.A., and not on any other health-professions personnel.

12. You will work 35-40 hours per week for ten consecutive weeks on the research project, or longer if the PI deems weekend work requisite to the progress of his/her lab.

13. Students who earn Summer Research Scholarships must carry health insurance, either through their family, or through the family's independent purchase of insurance for the student.

14. To receive the scholarship, you must work exclusively in the lab of the research mentor with whom you entered into covenant as part of the scholarship application process. There will be no "dropping" one professor, picking up another, and retaining the scholarship. Nor may you work in two labs concurrently or reside off campus if you are working with a UNT professor in his/her lab.

15. In a manner consistent with TAMS protocol, there will be optional "home" weekends, one of which will commence after your lab responsibilities conclude on July 3. You must return on Sunday of that week. The other "home" weekend will be announced. Students may travel home with a parent or with a designated adult who is 25 years of age or older, and approved by your parent. That parent should, in advance of the pick-up day, correspond with TAMS Student Life and with the Associate Dean for Research (via cynthia.hoffman@unt.edu) to make us aware of the proxy driver. Students must return to campus by a stipulated curfew hour.

16. Students may not drive themselves to or from campus; may not have an automobile on campus during the period of the TAMS Summer Research Fellowship; and may not accept automobile rides from anybody other than a parent, a university official, or a driver over the age of 25 assigned by the parent in writing to the TAMS administration. Parents and students will sign out, and then back in, at the front desk, on such weekends.

17. Nor will any Summer Scholarship Recipient use Uber or related modes of transport (other than a University bus to travel to and from Discovery Park. Moreover, students who choose to leave campus at any time must do so with a "buddy"; must sign out in designated front-desk booklets; must enter cell-phone and destination information; and must, upon return, sign back in. Stated otherwise, we must always know where students are and how to reach them.

18. Students will have a nightly curfew of 11:00 p.m. and must be in their room 10 minutes prior to curfew and remain in their room until a staff member has checked them in for the night.

19. TAMS students, while being courteous to younger “Summer Institute,” or related students, will neither fraternize with them nor intrude on their events.

20. By August 6th or earlier, you will submit, electronically, to Cynthia.Hoffman@unt.edu, the following: a PDF of the prospective poster presentation that you will present on Scholars Day, in April, 2020. You may revise and update these posters throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, in accord with ongoing research. Nonetheless, the poster slide you submit on August 6 should comply with criteria for 2020 Scholars Day presentation. You will receive the PDF templates once you have been awarded the TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.

21. You will ask your professor either to grant or deny permission to have your poster displayed on a TAMS website, should we decide to initiate an exhibit.

22. Summer Research Scholarship recipients are obliged to display their posters on Scholars Day (in April 2020). We also encourage students to apply their research toward Regeneron and Goldwater applications—that is, if you meet the criteria for either or both of those competitions. TAMS students too frequently fail to apply for Regeneron competition because they have other priorities. We feel that such failure to champion TAMS research and its outcomes ill serves our community. In today’s parlance, we expect Summer Research Scholars to “give back,” intellectually.

23. The \$4,000 scholarship will arrive in installments. Each installment is contingent on excellent progress, as assessed by the mentor. The final installment is contingent upon your producing a tentative, professor-approved slide for the Scholars Day exhibition (in April).

24. By July 6, you must submit to Sage Hall, room 320K a professor-approved 200-word single-spaced description of your summer research and outcomes-to-date. You must compose that summary in such manner as to provide the generalist with reasonable understanding of, and appreciation for, your research and contributions to the field of science.

25. Should you leave TAMS or the scholarship program for any reason (academic, behavior, illness or personal) the scholarship will be withdrawn, in part or in whole.

26. It is your and your family’s responsibility to check IRS responsibility relative to the TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.

27. As a representative of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, you must be punctual, respectful, and compliant at all times, whether in a laboratory or residence-hall setting, as your conduct reflects on the Academy. To that end, you must abide by all curfew rules, sign-out rules, and travel-to-and-from-home rules, as specified elsewhere in the application literature. Any violations, including use of alcohol, marijuana, or “street-drug” consumption, etc. -- or your being in the company of those so engaged -- will result in summer-session and/or general TAMS dismissal, and with your having to reimburse the full value of the scholarship.

28. Failure to complete any aspect of the scholarship requirements will result in cancellation of the scholarship and may result in a grade of F for the summer session.

Your receiving this scholarship will be contingent on your returning the information below by April 7, 2019, (submit with online application). Kindly fill in the information and upload an image of your official transcript (accounting for fall-semester grades) with your scanned application. You may obtain the official copy at the transcript desk in the basement of ESSB. There is no charge if you show up personally to request an official transcript.

Complete using ink.

_____ Date I, _____ agree to the above rules and regulations. (Please print your full name.)

Failure to comply with any part of this agreement will result in withdrawal of the scholarship, in part or in whole.

I have obtained the permission of Dr. [first and last names] _____, Department of _____, at _____ (name of university), to conduct research in his/her lab for the 10-week summer session.

Provide the research mentor's email address if that person is not a UNT faculty member:

I shall investigate _____ (name the area of research in which you will engage during that time).

Signature _____

UNT ID# _____

E-mail address – PRINT CLEARLY! _____

Parent Signature _____ Date of Parent Signature: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____

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Please direct questions regarding Early Summer Research to Ms. Cindy Hoffman (cynthia.hoffman@unt.edu) or call 940-5654914.

We look forward to having you apply online for the TAMS Summer Research scholarship via:

<https://tams.unt.edu/research/summer-research>

You may now enter your one appeal to be absent for up to five days for an academic purpose. Please limit your appeal to 200 words or less, including specific destinations and dates. You must upload your request you're your TAMS Summer Scholarship application.