

Early Summer Research Agreement

(Please sign and upload with Early Summer Research Scholarship Application)

This summer, TAMS will host its early-research experience for ten members (10) of the incoming class. We shall place these students in UNT-based research labs for the 10-week summer session (June 3-Aug. 8).

1. Students will also attend Dr. James Duban’s weekly meeting (over dinner at Bruce Hall) covering college success, research and imagination across the disciplines, and conversational ease and acumen.
2. Our decision about whom to accept will be final and without appeal. Nor will the TAMS administration answer questions dealing with the relative merit of applicants. We expect to receive more applications than we can accommodate.
3. Accepting a TAMS Summer Research Scholarship requires full-time participation in the ten-week summer session (June 3-August 8). Early Summer-Research-Scholarship holders must register and pay for at least one semester-credit-hour (preferably HNRS 3996) that reflects guided study or research within the department sponsoring your research. If your UNT research professor demands that you take three semester-credit hours, within his/her department, then so be it. Either way, we request that you 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. Placement in a lab will be contingent on the approval of the Associate Dean for Research and National Scholarships and the professor to whom the Associate Dean recommends the student for an interview.
5. If selected, you will live in McConnell Hall on the UNT campus and pay for room and board, along with summer-end room clean-up fees, if necessary.
6. Students must purchase a meal plan for the 10-week period.
7. Students 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 venue 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. There will be no allowance, after the application period, for leave time that simply “springs up” because of unanticipated

- opportunities, or because of opportunities for which you have applied but which have not yet finalized, and for which you have not entered a petition at the time of application. The request must occur in a petition that accompanies the application for the TAMS Early-Research Scholarship. 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 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. The scholarship provides you with mentored experience in a UNT laboratory/research setting.
 14. **You must register (pass/fail) and pay for a Special Problems course** (preferably HNRS 3996 - one semester credit hour). (Check with your on campus mentor for the exact course number and section if your research mentor wishes for you to register for a course in his/her department.)
 15. 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.
 16. There will be no research-mentor hopping. 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. All Summer Research Scholarship recipients must reside on campus, even if your parents are willing to drop you off and pick you up at day's end.
 17. In a manner consistent with TAMS protocol, there will be optional "home" weekends (TBA) during which students may travel home with a parent or with a parent who travels to campus to retrieve them and who personally returns them to campus by the stipulated curfew hour.
 18. 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.

19. Nor will any Summer Scholarship Recipient use Uber or related modes of transport. Students who choose to go off campus at any time must do so with a “buddy,” must sign out in designated front-desk booklets, must enter cell-phone information, designation information, and must, upon return, sign back in. Stated otherwise, we must always know where you are and how to reach you.
20. Students will have a nightly curfew of 11:00 pm and must be in their room 10 minutes prior to curfew hours and remain in their room until a staff member has checked them in for the night.
21. TAMS students, while being courteous to younger “Summer Institute,” or related students, will neither fraternize with them nor intrude on their events.
22. Summer Scholarship holders may not enroll in any other courses or make any commitments to other functions (including part-time or full-time jobs) while undertaking summer research. Your doing so will nullify the scholarship.
23. If chosen for a TAMS Summer Scholarship (“early or otherwise”) you will receive an appropriate grade for my work when the project is complete--preferably a "Pass," unless your research mentor demands that you enroll for a grade.
24. 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. The PDF templates will be sent to you once you have been awarded the TAMS Summer Research Scholarship or an “early research” scholarship.
25. 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.
26. I understand that I am obliged to display my poster on Scholars Day (in April). We also encourage students to apply their research toward Regeneron and Goldwater applications, 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 you to “give back,” intellectually.
27. I understand that the \$4,000 scholarship will arrive in installments. Each installment is contingent upon excellent progress as assessed by the mentor. The final installment is contingent upon my producing a provisional, professor-approved poster for Scholars Day exhibition (in April).

28. By July 6, I must submit to Sage Hall, room 320K a professor-approved 200-word single-spaced description of my summer research and outcomes-to-date. I must compose that summary in such manner as to provide the generalist with reasonable understanding of, and appreciation for, my research and contributions to the field of science.
29. Should you leave TAMS or the scholarship program for any reason (academic, behavior, illness or personal) the scholarship will be withdrawn.
30. It is your and your family's responsibility to check IRS responsibility relative to the TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.
31. 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 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.
32. 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 upon your returning the information below by April 7, 2019, (submit with online application). Kindly print this form, fill in the information, and upload a digital copy of all pages with your application.

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.

Signature

UNT ID# _____

E-mail address – PRINT CLEARLY!

Parent Signature _____

Date of Parent Signature: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____

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Because of the time-consuming challenges involved in placing students in varied laboratories, only early-admission TAMS students will be eligible for early research.

Please direct questions regarding Early Summer Research to Ms. Cindy Hoffman or call 940-565-4914.

Please make sure, whatever your disposition on applying for Early Summer Research, **not** to delay confirming your intent to enter TAMS.

The TAMS Letter of Intent is still due by March 13.

We look forward to having you apply online on the TAMS Research page (<https://tams.unt.edu/tams-early-summer-research>).

*Early-Research applicants may petition at this time to be absent for up to five days for an academic event—usually a conference or a “college visit.” Please limit your appeal to 200 words or less. If requested, petition must be uploaded with the TAMS Early Summer Research Scholarship Application.