# TEJAS – INFORMATION

## WHAT IS TEJAS?

The Texas Excellence in Jobs And Services (TEJAS) program is committed to preparing College of Natural Sciences undergraduates at the University of Texas for STEM professions. TEJAS achieves this by providing both financial support to students contributing to independent research, and by focusing on their professional development.

### Details
- Needs-based award
- There are approximately 30 individual awards available
- Awards are typically $1500 - $2000 per semester for two semesters, at a rate of $11 per hour
- Wages come from two sources: 70% from TEJAS and 30% from employer (eg, research supervisor)

### Eligibility
- Must have submitted a FAFSA and be eligible for financial aid beginning fall 2020
- Must indicate in your financial aid profile that some of your package will come from work-study
- Must be a sophomore up to a senior
- Must have secured a research placement (see below for what qualifies as a research placement)

## TIMELINE SUMMARY

### As soon as possible
- Fill out the interest survey
- Start working on finding a research placement

### End of semester
- Survey closes
- Financial aid determines eligibility

### June
- Notification of eligibility sent out
- Formal application opens

### Fall semester
- Enroll in TEJAS Professionalism seminar (Wed 4-5pm)
- Start your research placement

### July
- Applicants are ranked and offers are made
- Research appointments are confirmed

## RESEARCH PLACEMENTS

### What qualifies as a research placement?

To qualify for TEJAS, you must find a research placement at University of Texas, in one of two of the following categories that broadly cover acceptable research placements. If you are unsure, please contact Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu). For all placements, you cannot receive course credit or pay (other than from TEJAS) for the research you are doing:

1. A faculty led research group that can be either in the College of Natural Sciences, or in another academic unit at UT. For example, you could take up your research placement in Psychology, or Engineering etc.
How can I find a research placement?

- Visit: [https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/undergraduate/undergraduate-research/getting-started](https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/undergraduate/undergraduate-research/getting-started)
- Attend one of two “Find a research placement” workshops:
  - Wed Feb 26th from 5-6 PM in POB 2.402 or Thurs Feb 27th from 4:30-5:30 PM in POB 2.302.
- Visit a Drop-In session:
  - Friday Feb 21st, Feb 28th, Mar 6th, and Mar 13th from 9-11 AM in PAI 1.32
- Setup an appointment with Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu)

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**RESEARCH SUPERVISOR – STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM**

If you have secured a research placement, please meet with your research supervisor to fill out this form. You will submit this form as part of your TEJAS application in June.

**Student information**

Name:___________________________________________________ eid: ____________________________________

**Research supervisor information**

Name:___________________________________________________ email:__________________________________

College (eg, CNS):___________________________ Department:___________________________________

- I am a Principle Investigator (see box 1 below)
- I am a Research Educator in the Freshmen Research Initiative (see box 2 below)
- I hold a different research position: ___________________________________________ (see box 1 below)

**Box 1:** TEJAS functions like work-study, where a student’s wage comes from two sources; 70% from TEJAS paid through financial aid, and 30% from their employer (ie, a research grant). This amounts to ca. $500 per semester from a grant. Do you have a research grant that can support 30% of this student’s wages? **Yes** or **No** (circle one). If “No”, please contact Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu) to determine possible options.

Research supervisor signature: _____________________________________________

**Box 2:** TEJAS functions like work-study, where a student’s wage comes from two sources; 70% from TEJAS paid through financial aid, and 30% from their employer (ie, FRI mentor funding). TEJAS students in FRI cannot be doing their first year experience, and must spend ≥ 50% of their time doing independent research. Because a TEJAS student cannot contribute all of their time to mentoring, a TEJAS student who is appointed 10-hours will only count as 3-hours towards your stream’s mentoring allocation. I agree to this: **Yes** or **No** (circle one). Please contact Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu) if you have any questions, or if you select “No”.

Research Education signature: _____________________________________________