Texas Excellence in Jobs and Service (TEJAS):
Information Session

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Who am I?

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Instructional designer & consultant
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Who is everyone else?

Share the following with a friend or two?

Your name
Your major
Why you are interested in doing research
Your research experience to date
All of this information is available online!

**TEJAS information.**

**Step-by-step instructions to finding research placements.** (I will work with you on these steps in next week’s workshops)

- **Wednesday Feb 26, 5-6pm, POB 2.402**
- **Thursday Feb 27, 4:30-5:30pm, POB 2.302**
Today’s agenda

What is TEJAS?
Eligibility
Timeline
Requirements while in program
FAQs
Remaining questions
What is TEJAS?

Texas Excellence in Jobs And Services
Award details

~30 awards available

Needs-based

Typical award is $1500 - $2000 per semester
- Determined by financial aid, and is individual specific
- Starting salary is currently $11 per hour
- This amounts to ~10 hours per week for 14 weeks

Your wage comes from two sources
- 70% is paid by TEJAS through your financial aid package
- 30% is paid by your employer (e.g., your research supervisor’s grant)

Runs for two semesters (fall and spring)
- Must be approved again after fall semester
Eligibility

Submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- [https://admissions.utexas.edu/afford/undergrad-aid](https://admissions.utexas.edu/afford/undergrad-aid)

Needs-based award
- You must be eligible for financial aid

Qualify for work-study
- Indicate in your financial aid profile that you would like some of your package to be made available through work-study (WS)

Sophomore up to a senior

Have secured a research placement
- See next slide for details
Eligibility – Research placement types

Plan to take up TEJAS in a FRI research group?
- Must have completed your entire first year experience
- Must spend $\geq 50\%$ of your time doing independent research
- Cannot be earning credit or pay (other than TEJAS) for your time
- Must provide permission from your RE
- $\sim 10$ awards available

Plan to take up TEJAS in ANY other research group on campus?
- Must spend $100\%$ of your time doing independent research
- Cannot be earning credit or pay (other than TEJAS) for your time
- Must provide permission from your RE
- $\sim 20$ awards available
Approximate timeline – Spring semester

ASAP!

- Start your work on finding a research placement.
  
  Workshops:
  
  - Wednesday 02/26, 5-6pm, POB 2.402
  - Thursday 02/27, 4:30-5:30pm, POB 2.302

- Drop-ins:
  
  - Friday 02/21, 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 9-11am, PAI 1.32
Approximate timeline – Summer & Fall

June

- Notification of eligibility sent out
- Formal application opens. Criteria:
  - Research group placement
  - Agreement form signed by supervisor
  - Brief description of research project
  - Your motivation for doing research

July

- Applicants ranked and selected
- Offers made and confirmed

Fall semester

- Register for TEJAS Professionalism Seminar
  - Wednesdays 4-5pm
- Start your research placement
Requirements while in program

Must enroll in TEJAS Professionalism Seminar
  ◦ Wednesdays 4-5pm

Be in a research group
  ◦ Must be in a research group in both fall and spring

Report your hours through Workday
  ◦ You will become a UT employee
  ◦ Your hours will be managed by Brandon Campitelli
Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don’t have a research placement?

◦ Visit: https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/undergraduate/undergraduate-research/getting-started
◦ Please come to a “Finding a research placement” workshop
  ◦ Wednesday February 26th from 4-5pm in POB 2.402
  ◦ Thursday February 27th from 4:30-5:30pm in POB 2.302
◦ Attend a Drop-In for advice
  ◦ Friday Feb 21st, Feb 28th, Mar 6th, Mar 13th from 9-11am in PAI 1.32

What if I find a placement, but my supervisor can’t pay 30% of my wages?

◦ Please have your prospective supervisor contact Brandon Campitelli at brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu
Other questions?

Please feel free to contact Brandon Campitelli at any time if you have additional questions regarding TEJAS.

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