



## Grants-In-Aid of Graduate Research Program Request for Proposals FY2019-2021

### Introduction:

The Texas Sea Grant College Program's Grants-In-Aid of Graduate Research Program aims to promote scientific excellence and achievement by providing small, **two-year** research grants to graduate students enrolled at one of three Texas A&M University institutions.

The grants provide research support to graduate students currently enrolled in Master's or Ph.D. programs at Texas A&M University in College Station (TAMU), Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) or Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) whose marine- or coastal-related research in any field of study is relevant to Texas, though not necessarily based in Texas.

We invite proposals from all disciplines, including the natural, physical, social, behavioral and economic sciences and engineering. Grants are based on merit and, in part, on the financial needs of the applicant.

### Eligibility:

U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in graduate programs (Master's or equivalent, or Ph.D.) at TAMU, TAMUG or TAMUCC.

### Selection Criteria:

Each proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual Merit of the proposed research (60 %)
- Broader Impacts of the proposed research (20 %)
- Letters of Reference (20 %)

Only one proposal will be accepted per applicant. The decision of the Texas Sea Grant Grants-In-Aid Research Committee is final.

**Proposals may request no more than \$2,500. Funds may be used only for expenses directly related to the student's graduate research, such as fieldwork expenses, laboratory analysis, purchase of testing materials, etc. Funds are not to be used for travel to present at meetings or conferences, capital equipment, salaries, tuition, or room and board during the school year.**

**NOTE:** As a result of receiving funding from Texas Sea Grant, the awardee is required to submit an Annual Progress Report, and at the end of the project term, a Final Project Report and a Thesis document.

## Timeline:

- March 26, 2019: Call for proposals released;
- **April 26, 2019: Proposals due to Texas Sea Grant by 5:00 PM CDT - no exceptions;**
- May 24, 2019: Applicants notified;
- June 1, 2019: Grant initiation;
- **May 15, 2020: Annual Progress Report due by 5:00 PM CDT;**
- **May 15, 2021: Final Project Report and Thesis due by 5:00 PM CDT.**

## Submission Process:

Students should submit a proposal as **one single PDF document** that includes the 5 elements **in the order listed below**. Proposals should be sent to Mia Zwolinski, Texas Sea Grant Research Coordinator, via email at [mzwolinski@tamu.edu](mailto:mzwolinski@tamu.edu). Upon receipt, students will receive a confirmation email.

It is recommended for the student to have their Faculty Advisor review the application prior to submission. Failure to adhere to the proposal content guidelines below, may result in disqualification of the application from further technical review.

## PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIRED 5 ELEMENTS

### 1. Cover Page (limit 1 page) include all in the following order:

- 1) Title of the proposal;
- 2) Student's Name and Student's Contact Information – email address and phone number;
- 3) Student's Institutional Affiliation: TAMU – College Station, TAMU at Galveston, or TAMU – CC;
- 4) Degree pursuing plus: Field of Study, Academic Department and College;
- 5) Faculty Advisor Name; and
- 6) Summary Abstract of 100 words or less.

### 2. Proposal Narrative (limit 2 pages) including:

- **Intellectual Merit**: Purpose, rationale, and methods to be used (what, why, and how);
- **Broader Impacts**: Expected results and outcomes; and
- **Budget Request**: Detailed budget with cost justification, describing proposed use of each item (not to exceed \$2,500).

**3. Literature Cited (limit 1 page):** Relevant to proposed research. Literature Cited page IS NOT COUNTED towards the Proposal Narrative 2-page limit. The format of the literature citation section should follow that of any journal in the natural, physical or social sciences.

**4. Two Letters of Reference:** One letter must be from the student's Graduate Advisor. Those referees desiring confidentiality may send letters directly to this link: [ConfidentialLetterOfSupport](#).

### 5. Resume/CV (limit 2 pages).

For questions about the grant application process, please visit the Texas Sea Grant website: <http://texasseagrant.org/funding/grants-in-aid-of-graduate-research-program/>. For additional questions, please contact Mia Zwolinski, Texas Sea Grant Research Coordinator, by email at [mzwolinski@tamu.edu](mailto:mzwolinski@tamu.edu) or by phone at 979-458-0449.