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.

## Eligibility

* **Financial aid:** You must have submitted a [FAFSA](https://admissions.utexas.edu/afford/undergrad-aid) and be eligible for financial aid beginning fall 2021.
* **Research position:** If you are not currently involved in research, join us for a *Finding Research Workshop* (see below for details).
* You cannot simultaneously receive credit and TEJAS funding for the same research.

## Details

* **Research support:** TEJAS provides financial support for CNS students doing research on campus. Awards are typically $1500 per semester for two semesters, at a rate of $11/hour.
* **Professional development:** In addition to supporting your research, TEJAS students engage in professional development with their peers.

# timeline summary

## Fall semester

* Enroll in Research seminar course (W 4-5 pm; virtual)
* Start your research placement

## August

* Offers are made
* Research appointments are confirmed

## May – June

* Financial aid determines eligibility

## June

* Notification of eligibility sent out
* Formal application opens

## As soon as possible

* Fill out the [**TEJAS Student Interest Survey**](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5svxnvd9RDieK34)
* Find a research placement

# research placements

## What qualifies as a research placement?

You must be doing research while receiving TEJAS. For all placements, you cannot receive course credit or pay (other than from TEJAS) for the research you are doing. Here are examples of research placements:

1. You are carrying out independent research, or assisting research, that is supervised by a professor, postdoc, graduate student or researcher at UT Austin or Dell Medical School.
2. You are mentoring other students doing research (for example, as a mentor in FRI).
3. You are part of a guided reading program such as in Math.
4. If you are unsure if your situation qualifies, please ask Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu).

## How can I find a research placement?

* Attend one of two “Finding Research Placement” workshops:
	+ Feb 22 from 3-4 PM and Feb 23 from 4-5 PM (zoom links sent by email).
* Visit a Drop-In session:
	+ Mar 10 3-4 PM and Mar 11 4-5 PM (zoom links sent by email)
* To get zoom information, please fill out the [**TEJAS Student Interest Survey**](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5svxnvd9RDieK34) prior to the dates above.
* Setup an appointment with a TIDES Ambassador (TIDES2@utexas.edu)

# 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

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## Research supervisor information

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College (eg, CNS):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department or Academic unit:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 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 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. TEJAS students will only account for 3 hours towards your mentor allocation. I agree to this: **Yes** or **No** (highlight one). Contact Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu) if you have questions, or if you select “No”.

Research Education signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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** (highlight one). If “No”, please contact Brandon Campitelli (brandon.campitelli@utexas.edu) to determine possible options.

Research supervisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Students** submit this with your TEJAS application **\*\***