

## Summer Research (or early-research) Scholarship Agreement 2021

Please read the following section carefully. Your abiding by these regulations will facilitate receipt of the scholarship.

1. In nearly all cases, TAMS Summer Scholarships fund students who have just completed their first year of TAMS. Exceptions exist only for “early-research” students who would otherwise enter TAMS in the fall semester of the approaching academic year.
2. Accepting a TAMS Summer Research Scholarship requires full-time participation in the ten-week summer session (June 1-August 5). UNT-based 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 requires 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. Formal enrollment in a course also pertains to risk management, library access, Health Center access, and Recreations Center access.
3. Students who receive a TAMS summer scholarship and who then drop out to take advantage of a different summer opportunity will be responsible, without the benefit of ongoing scholarship support, for whatever balance exists or is levied by the Departments of Housing, Dining Services, or by the Office of the Registrar.
4. To apply for this scholarship, students must have a cumulative semester average of at least 3.50 (higher GPAs preferred), as of January 1. Because GPA plays a significant role in the application process, students with the minimum GPA may be excluded from funding, given limited resources.
5. I understand that disciplinary points may disqualify me from summer-scholarship eligibility.
6. I agree to live in the assigned dorm (most likely McConnell Hall) and apply my summer-research scholarship toward room and board, along with end-of-summer summer clean-up fees (levied by the Department of Housing), if necessary.
7. Students must purchase a meal plan for the 10-week period.
8. The number of persons living in my dormitory room will not exceed that stipulated by UNT’s division of housing. I must, further, obey all visitation rules.
9. The scholarship is for the 10-week summer session at UNT (June 1-August 5). Exceptions will be rare and will **not** include your wish to take advantage of U.S.-based or international family-travel plans, or other commitments falling short of either personal illness or unexpected family-member illness or (and we certainly hope that the following is not the case) for absence related to family bereavement. Stated otherwise, we will not consider petitions for family travel that have been scheduled months in advance, or for which airline tickets have been already purchased months or weeks before. Such visits are a commitment

that you have already made and that necessarily trump the summer-research program.

10. That said, part of the application form will include the right of petition to be absent for a maximum of up to five consecutive days (including Saturday and Sunday) solely for the purpose of attending an educational venue that stands to enhance your future studies—for example, an educational colloquium or an academic panel for which you are making plans at the time when you apply for the summer scholarship (absolutely not thereafter). Moreover, summer-research students will, by the date of application for the TAMS research program, be allowed to request an additional day off to take a college-entrance standardized test, for which, with the consent of their UNT PI, the student will be authorized to leave campus a day early. (Students wishing to take still another standardized test may do so if it falls on a closed weekend (including a Friday) of their own choosing. (Please see Item 21 below for that provision.) In any of these scenarios, students will be obliged to have their parents return them to campus by curfew, on the final day of the longer program, or on the day of the exam, or by Sunday evening if the exam date leads into a self-chosen closed weekend. There will be no allowance, after the application period, for leave time that simply “springs up” because of unanticipated opportunities or exams, or because of opportunities for which you have applied, have not yet finalized, and for which you have not entered a petition at the time of application for the TAMS Summer Research Program. **All such enhancement requests must occur in a petition that accompanies the application for the TAMS Summer Scholarship.** Nor may students appeal for additional days by claiming that they will not use the five full days or the day-before provision of the standardized testing, or because the second standardized exam falls on a day other than a Friday. Standardized tests have several calendar options, whereas enrichment programs usually do not. Moreover, all absence must be approved by both the faculty research mentor and by the Associate Dean for Research—and not by Hall Directors or other staff members. The mentor’s approval does not override the disposition of the scholarship sponsor (that is, of the TAMS administration).
11. Students may not 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 residential commitment we expect of students, relative to laboratory presence and participation in the social community of young researchers.

12. Students whose parents drive them home for medical visits must see a physician and must bring an M.D.'s note on return. The emphasis is on M.D. or an assigned P.A., and not on any other health-professions personnel.
13. 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 needs of his/her lab. Saturdays and some Sundays will feature beyond-the-lab colloquia, with requisite reading assignments and mandatory attendance.
14. You understand that the purpose of this scholarship is to accrue mentored experience in a UNT laboratory/research setting, or in a research setting at a different university.
15. **You must register (pass/fail) and pay for a Special Problems course** (preferably HNRS 3996 – one semester credit hour, P/F). (If your research mentor wishes for you to enroll in a course within his/her own department, check with that research mentor for the exact course name and section, along with the requisite credit hours., (That PI has the right to have you register for up to three hours, in a specified course or otherwise. There is a significant increase in cost for a 3-hour course, but TAMS recognizes the PI's right to make this request. In that case, we are not in a position to raise the amount of your award.)
16. **Students who choose to withdraw from the program (see item 2, above) are themselves responsible for withdrawing from their registered P/F or graded course, or from a specified departmental course by the "drop" deadline. TAMS is not responsible for withdrawing you from that course. The monetary balance accrued, should you withdraw after the allowable "drop" period, will be your responsibility to pay. You may also receive a grade of "F" if you leave the program without taking the initiative of dropping the course. You will also be responsible for unused housing and meal-plan expenses, unless you personally resolve those issues with our divisions of Housing and Dining Services.**
17. Students who, in the previous year, were accepted into, and who then withdrew from, the Early-Research Summer Scholarship Program (for reasons other than health) are ineligible to apply for a TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.
18. The TAMS administration reserves the right to terminate the Summer Research Scholarship if the student's PI reports a pattern of underperformance or the failure, on the part of the TAMS student, to live up to lab expectations. In such cases, the balance of financial responsibility will remain the same as for conditions listed in Item 15 (above).
19. Students whose PI's are in a position to pay them for their research must report that advantage to TAMS, so that an appropriate adjustment in their TAMS Summer Scholarship may come under consideration.
20. 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.
21. 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. Stated otherwise, there will be no "dropping" one professor, picking up another, and retaining the

scholarship. Nor may you work in two labs concurrently, if you hold a TAMS Summer Scholarship, unless your PI is collaborating with another lab and wishes for you to do so, as well, during the 10-week summer session.

22. In a manner consistent with TAMS protocol, there will be two closed weekends during which students may travel home with a parent, or with a parent-delegated driver. The parent must personally return the student to campus by the stipulated curfew hour on Sunday—not Monday morning. One of those weekends will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, with parents picking up students after noon, on July 3, if the research mentor grants approval for the student to work for only half a day that Friday. The other closed weekend will be of the student's choosing (with the permission of the PI) and may include a weekend on which a standardized test will occur. If that is the case, the student may return to campus by curfew on Sunday evening rather than on the day of the exam.
23. 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, on such weekends.
24. Curfew regulations (like different for Early Research Students and ongoing Summer Research Scholarship recipients) are non-negotiable, out of regard for student safety. All students must abide by curfew hours and be prepared either for a roll-call check or for an RA room check.
25. Nor will any Summer Scholarship Recipient use Uber or related modes of transport. Students who choose to go off campus at any time must sign out in designated front-desk booklets, must enter cell-phone information, destination information, and must, upon return, sign back in. Stated otherwise, we must always know where you are and how to reach you. All students who leave campus must do so with another TAMS student, with both signing out for that excursion.
26. Students traveling on a daily or occasional basis to Discovery Park must take the UNT Yellow Line bus. Check schedules at <http://transportation.unt.edu/transit>. These students must sign out at the front desk.
27. TAMS students, while being courteous to younger “Summer Institute,” or related students, will not fraternize with them.
28. **Summer researchers 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 and leave the student liable for all housing and dining room expenses accrued to date, or more, if levied by the Departments of Housing and Dining Services.**
29. Summer researchers will receive an appropriate grade for their work when the project is complete--preferably a "P," unless your research mentor demands that you enroll for a grade.

30. By July 31, or earlier, students will submit, electronically, to **Valerie.Adell@unt.edu**, a PDF of the prospective poster-presentation that they will present on Scholars Day, in April 2022. You may revise and update these posters throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, in accord with ongoing research. Nonetheless, the poster slide you submit at the end of July, should comply with criteria for 2022 Scholars Day exhibition (early April) that you are obliged to present. You will receive the PDF templates after you earn a TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.
31. Students will ask their professors either to grant or deny permission to have a poster displayed in the Student Union or on a TAMS website, should we decide to initiate an online exhibit. (This is out of consideration to intellectual-property rights.)
32. We also encourage students to apply their research toward Regeneron and Goldwater applications, if students 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, most conspicuously “college applications.” 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.
33. You understand that the \$4,000 scholarship will arrive in installments. Each installment is contingent upon excellent progress as assessed by the mentor.
34. By July 5, you must submit (to **Valerie.Adell@unt.edu**) a professor-approved 150-200-word, single-spaced description of your summer research, and of its outcomes-to-date. You must compose that summary in such manner as to provide the generalist with reasonable understanding of, and appreciation for, your research and contributions to the field of science.
35. It is your responsibility to check IRS responsibility relative to the TAMS Summer Research Scholarship.
36. As representatives of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, students must be punctual, respectful and compliant at all times, whether in a laboratory or dormitory setting, as their conduct reflects on the Academy. To that end, students agree to abide by all curfew rules, sign-out rules, and travel-to-and-from-home rules, as specified elsewhere in the application literature. You are likewise responsible for maintaining the highest standards of online demeanor to be in compliance with comportment values of TAMS or of UNT students generally. Students must also abide by all University and TAMS rules, regulations, and policies. Any violations, including alcohol, marijuana, or “street-drug” consumption, etc.—including one’s 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—not to mention punitive action by the UNT Dean of Students’ Office or by local law enforcement.
37. Failure to complete **any** aspect of the scholarship requirements may result in cancellation of the scholarship and may result in a grade of F for the summer session. In such cases, students will be responsible for any financial balances accrued to date or otherwise levied by the Departments of Housing and Dining Services.

38. Although at this time we are planning for a residential experience for the 10-week summer session, applicants and their parents acknowledge that COVID-19, or related considerations, have the potential (hopefully distant) of closing the residence hall (s) and of curtailing on-campus research. This would force professors to decide if the student's summer research lends itself to an online (remote) venue. We cannot guarantee that Professors would be inclined toward that option. In either case, the scholarship stands either to be adjusted or retracted.

**Your receiving this scholarship will be contingent upon review of all of your application materials and upon your uploading a signed PDF of this document as part of the application process. Kindly print this form, fill in the information, and return the signed PDF to [Valerie.adell@unt.edu](mailto:Valerie.adell@unt.edu) Please sign legibly in dark ink.**

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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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature

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UNT ID# \_\_\_\_\_

UNT E-mail address (not Gmail or other private web addresses. We will correspond strictly via UNT email) – PRINT CLEARLY:

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Parent's name (printed):

Parent's signature (indicating that the parent has read and approved of all the provisions above):

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Date of Parent Signature: