

**TAMU RISE Fellowship**  
**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY RACE, IDENTITY & SOCIAL EQUITY CONFERENCE**

# **APPLICATION PACKET**

## **Background information**

This yearlong initiative, coordinated by the Department of Multicultural Services, provides participants with a better understanding of race, identity and social equity in higher education through attendance at the NCORE and TAMU Race, Identity & Social Equity (TAMU RISE) conferences. Students are selected to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in American Higher Education and later present their research at the inaugural TAMU RISE Conference in spring 2018. Applicants are selected based on their academic interests and achievements as well as their leadership interests and experience.

The annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (**NCORE**) is the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education. It assists higher education institutions in creating inclusive environments, programs, and curriculum; improving campus racial and ethnic relations; and expanding opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally under-represented populations. It also provides policy, plans, programs, curriculum/pedagogy, research/assessment, training, and theoretical perspectives from around the country, highlighting exemplary working models and approaches capable of being adapted in other institutional settings. This year's conference is scheduled for May 30- June 3, 2017 in Fort Worth, TX.

The Texas A&M University Race, Identity & Social Equity Conference (TAMU RISE) is a student-focused forum on issues of race, identity and social equity at Texas A&M University and beyond. This conference is designed to model NCORE and Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE).

## **Benefits from TAMU RISE Fellowship**

This year-long developmental project on race, identity and social equity includes attendance and participation in NCORE – a national experience on building multicultural relations and applying new knowledge on the Texas A&M University campus through interaction, workshops, and preparation for presentation at TAMU RISE. At the end of the program, students will gain leadership skills and a better understanding on diversity and inclusion. Other benefits students can look forward to include:

- Attending the 2017 NCORE Conference with all expenses covered by the University.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Making a positive impact on the university community.
- Networking with students and professionals from across the country.
- Getting to know more faculty and staff members at TAMU.
- Building positive mentoring and peer relationships.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

To be considered for the TAMU RISE Fellowship, students must:

- Be interested in promoting social justice and racial equity issues.
- Be enrolled full-time at TAMU at the time of application and during the following academic year.
- Be a first, second, or third-year undergraduate student at Texas A&M University.
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Be available to attend *mandatory* all-day NCORE pre-departure orientation meeting on Saturday, April 15 from 10am-5pm
- Be available to meet weekly during fall 2017
- Be available to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (**NCORE 2017**) May 30 through June 3 2017 in Fort Worth, TX.
  - Attend and fully participate in a minimum of 20 session hours
  - Attend and fully participate in all evening group and team meetings
  - Complete and submit journal entries during the week of the conference

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- Attend monthly team meetings during spring 2018 to finalize research and plan the TAMU RISE Conference (dates and times TBA).
- Present at TAMU RISE Conference in Spring 2018 (Date: TBA)

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**Application Requirements**

Applicants are required to **complete the attached application** and provide:

- **A letter of intent** that specifically addresses
  - Your academic interests and achievements.
  - Your leadership interests and experience.
  - Your reasons for wanting to be selected as a TAMU RISE Fellow.
  - Your commitment and availability to participate fully in the NCORE Conference in May and the execution of 2018 TAMU RISE Conference.
- **A résumé.**
- **Two recommendation forms** from faculty and/or staff members (form available on the DMS website).
- **An unofficial transcript.**

**Application deadline**

Completed applications are due Friday, February 17, 2018 by 5pm on DMS Maroon Link

**Application Checklist**

Applicants are required to complete the application on Maroonlink and provide the following:

- A letter of intent.
- A résumé.
- Two recommendation forms from faculty and/or staff members (form available on the DMS website).
- An unofficial transcript.

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**APPLICATION**

Complete this application and return it with your letter of intent, two recommendation forms, your résumé, and a recent unofficial transcript on DMS Maroonlink by **February 17, 2017 at 5pm.**

**STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Standing: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate racial/ethnic background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Intent**

- **On a separate sheet please complete a letter of intent** that specifically addresses the following criteria:
  - Your academic interests and achievements.
  - Your leadership interests and experience.
  - Your reasons for wanting to be selected as a TAMU RISE Fellow.
  - Your commitment and availability to participate fully in the NCORE Conference in May and the execution of 2018 TAMU RISE Conference.

*Letters must be at least 1 page typed, 12 pt. font, double spaced, with 1 inch margins.*

**You must upload your application on DMS Maroon Link in order to be considered.**

Questions regarding the application, contact Dear Aunaetitrakul at [Deara@tamu.edu](mailto:Deara@tamu.edu) or Mark Dawson at [MDawson@dms.tamu.edu](mailto:MDawson@dms.tamu.edu)