RISE NOMINATION FORM

Background information
RISE is a year-long initiative in which selected undergraduate students conduct research on issues of race, identity, and social equity in their disciplines. RISE fellows will attend NCORE, one of the largest national conferences on race and ethnicity in higher education. During the fall 2019 semester, students will conduct research with the guidance of faculty, staff, and other students in their college/department. Participants are selected by the college/department 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 28 - June 1, 2019 in Portland, OR.

The Texas A&M University Race Identity and Social Equity Conference (TAMU RISE) is a comprehensive forum on issues of race and ethnicity at Texas A&M University and beyond. The local conference is designed to model NCORE and Iowa State University Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE).

Benefits from NCORE/TAMU RISE Project
This year-long transformational learning experience includes attendance and participation in NCORE - a national conference that focuses on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education. Students will engage in the conference through interaction, workshops, panels, presentations, and attending keynote addresses. Students will gain skills and knowledge about effectively networking and establishing relationships with conference attendees. During the NCORE conference students will explore difficult topics, and reflect upon how they can contribute to developing solutions for some of the social problems that continue to impact our higher education system. During the fall semester, students will work closely with faculty, staff, and other students on a research project that is coordinated through their
sponsoring unit. Completed research projects will be presented at the RISE Conference during the spring semester.

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be considered for the NCORE/TAMU RISE initiative, students must:

- Be interested in researching issues related to race and ethnicity in higher education.
- Be enrolled full-time at TAMU at the time of nomination 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 (2) mandatory NCORE pre-departure orientation meetings held on Saturdays during the spring 2019 semester**
  - Be available to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE 2019) May 28 through June 1 2019 in Portland, OR.
    - Attend and fully participate in a minimum of 20 session hours
    - Attend and fully participate in all lunch and team meetings
    - Complete and submit journal entries during the week of the conference
- Work with research team in their college/department throughout the fall 2019 semester to design, execute, and complete research project.
- Attend research presentation review/feedback session(s) with all RISE Fellows during spring semester 2020, in preparation for RISE Conference (dates and times TBA).
- Present research to campus community at RISE Conference in Spring 2020 (Date: TBA)

**Nomination deadline**

Completed nomination forms are due Friday, December 14, 2018 by 5pm. Forms can be sent via email to tamurise@tamu.edu or hardcopies can be turned in to MSC 2200.
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STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)

Name: ____________________________ UIN: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Academic College: ___________________ Major: _______________________

Cumulative GPA: _______ Class Standing: ______________

Expected Graduation: ___________________

Indicate racial/ethnic background (optional): _______________________

Statement of Support

- By submitting this nomination, the college/unit is committed to supporting the student in the following ways:
  - Coordinating a research project/partnership with faculty, staff or students in your college.
  - Provide guidance to student throughout the research process.
  - Provide financial support for RISE Fellowship and NCORE related costs. (Estimated per student cost of $1,700)
  - Transfer RISE support funding to the Department of Multicultural Services by January 15th, 2019.

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Signature of Nominator                                          Print Name

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Title

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Date

Questions regarding the nomination form, contact tamurise@tamu.edu