Background information
This yearlong initiative provides participants with a better understanding of race and ethnicity in higher education through attendance at the NCORE and RISE conferences. Students will attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in American Higher Education, work on research during the fall semester, and present their research at the Texas A&M University Race, Identity & Social (RISE) Conference during the spring semester. 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 26- May 30, 2020 in New York, NY.

The Texas A&M University Race, Identity, and Social Equity Conference (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/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/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 mandatory NCORE pre-departure orientation meeting held on a Saturday during the spring 2020 semester
- Be available to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE 2020) May 26 through May 30 2020 in New York, NY.
  - 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 2020 semester to design, execute, and complete research project.
- Attend research presentation review/feedback session(s) with all RISE Fellows during spring semester 2021, in preparation for RISE Conference (dates and times TBA).
- Present research to campus community at RISE Conference in Spring 2021 (Date: TBA)

Nomination deadline
Completed nomination forms are due Friday, January 17, 2020 by 5pm. Forms can be sent via email to tamurise@tamu.edu or hardcopies can be turned in to MSC 2200.
Complete this nomination form and submit it by Friday, January 17, 2020 by 5pm. Forms can be sent via email to tamurise@tamu.edu or hardcopies can be turned in to MSC 2200.

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.
  - Transfer RISE support funding to the Department of Multicultural Services by February 1st, 2020.

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Signature of Nominator  Print Name

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Title  Date

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