

2025 Montgomery Award Announcement

Deadline for submission: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 11:59pm CDT

Overview

The Montgomery Award recognizes student leaders making major contributions to the academic opportunities, professional development, and overall quality of life of their fellow graduate and professional students at Texas A&M. Whether through demonstrated leadership in recognized graduate student groups or service organizations, students must show their dedication to serving Aggie graduate and professional students in addition to excellent academics and scholarship.

History

The Montgomery Award is funded through an endowment, and in previous years, was awarded to the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG). However, since the GPSG President now receives a full graduate assistant stipend with tuition support, the Graduate and Professional School has determined it appropriate to instead recognize another student leader who service has made a significant positive impact on the broader Texas A&M graduate and professional student community.

Nomination Guidelines

Deadline for Submission: Monday, March 10th, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CDT. Applicants will be notified the late March/early April 2025. The application may be accessed on the Graduate and Professional School website. **Graduate students may self-nominate or be nominated for this award.**

About the Award

The Montgomery Award is traditionally presented at the GPSG Banquet in late-April. Additional details will be shared with the awardee with their award notification.

The awardee will receive a:

- personalized award plaque
- fellowship in the amount of \$1,000 (credited to their TAMU student account)

Requirements

- Nominee must be currently enrolled as a full-time graduate student and in good academic standing (all GPR's \geq 3.0).
- Nominee must be a student leader of a **recognized** graduate student organization in the current or previous academic year; this includes:
 - (University-level) Graduate and Professional Student Government officers (excluding the current President)
 - Department/organization Representatives to GPSG
 - o Leader of other recognized graduate student organization on campus

<u>NOTE:</u> The graduate student organization must be officially recognized by the Department of Student Activities (StuAct) to be an eligible organization for this award. You can confirm if your organization is recognized <u>here</u>. If your organization is not recognized, we strongly encourage the organization's leadership to start the recognition process with StuAct so it can be eligible for future awards.

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- Evidence of contributions to organizations or events on our campus that have improved the university climate and/or enhanced experiences for large numbers of TAMU graduate and professional students. This includes (but is not limited to):
 - o Outstanding service to graduate student organizations (beyond GPSG).
 - Proposing, providing major input to development of, and/or taking a major role in implementing new university-wide events (e.g., academic, professional development) benefiting graduate and professional students.
 - Scope of impact on graduate and professional student body (e.g., beyond the university, university-wide, college-wide, department/organization-wide)
 - o Involvement in regional or national professional societies that provides direct benefit to other Texas A&M graduate students (new events/services/etc.)

Required Information to be Submitted by the Nominator

Nominations will be submitted through the InfoReady submission portal. The following information will be requested in the InfoReady application:

- Nominee's full name, UIN, TAMU email address, department/college.
- Nominator's name and email address (or identify if self-nominating).
- Names of the graduate student organization(s) the nominee is involved in.

In addition, the following supporting documents will be uploaded (3 separate .pdf files) with the InfoReady application:

- Cover letter describing how the nominee's service activities are making, or have made, a major or positive impact on Texas A&M's graduate and professional student body. (≤ 1 page; minimum 12 pt. font)
- Nominee's CV including all service activities.
- One letter of support from the nominee's advisor, an administrator or staff person familiar with this nominee's service efforts, or a graduate student serving as an officer in the graduate student organization for which this student had given outstanding service. (≤1 page; minimum 12 pt. font)

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The application may be accessed on the Graduate and Professional School website.

Deadline Dates

All nomination materials must be submitted online through the InfoReady submission portal by 11:59 pm. CDT on Monday, March 10th, 2025. There will be NO exceptions to this date or time.

For general questions about the Montgomery Award requirements, please email: grad-award-admin@tamu.edu