

The Dr. Dionel Avilés '53 and Dr. James Johnson '67 Fellowship Program

Nomination Informational

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:00 am – 11:00 am CST Nagle 113 and Zoom Shannon D. Walton, Ph.D.
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Presentation Outline



- Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Program Nomination
 - Eligibility
 - Requirements
- Deadlines and Timeline
- Nomination Submission Process in InfoReady
- Questions

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be **U.S. citizens** or **permanent residents** who will earn bachelor's or master's degrees no later than August 2023 and have applied for graduate admission to Texas A&M for the Summer or Fall 2023.
- While it is not required that nominees be admitted at the time of nomination, the nominating department is expected to offer admission to nominees and execute an "admit" decision code in the admission portal should they be awarded the fellowship.
- Master's students currently enrolled at TAMU <u>are</u> eligible for doctoral nominations. They
 <u>are not</u> eligible for master's nominations.
- Doctoral students currently enrolled at TAMU <u>are not</u> eligible for doctoral nominations.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees should have a superior academic record and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Belong to gender, racial or ethnic groups that have been historically underrepresented in graduate study in their discipline, in the United States, or at TAMU;
- 2. Have attended a minority serving institution for at least two years of their undergraduate degree or have an undergraduate degree conferred from a minority serving institution, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education;

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees should have a superior academic record and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 3. Have a disability defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
- 4. Be a veteran of the U.S. military; or

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees should have a superior academic record and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- 5. Come from a disadvantaged background, as defined by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), for those who meet two or more of the following criteria:
 - Were or are currently homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act;
 - Were or are currently in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families;
 - Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years;
 - Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree;
 - Were or are currently eligible for Federal Pell grants;
 - Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child;
 - Grew up in one of the following areas: (a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, or (b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zip codes are included here). Only one of the two possibilities (a or b) can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.

ELIGIBILITY

In addition to meeting the stated criteria of eligibility, nominees for the 2023-2024 Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Program must be applying for enrollment in the following colleges/schools or interdisciplinary degree programs:

<u>Colleges/Schools:</u> Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Mays Business School, Performance, Visualization and Fine Arts, or Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

<u>Interdisciplinary Degree Programs:</u> Biotechnology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences, Genetics, Neuroscience, Toxicology, or Water Management and Hydrological Science.

Nomination Packet Components



- Nomination letter clearly describing nominee's: 1) superior academic performance, 2) relevant experiences outside the classroom, and
 3) other indicators of future success (2 page maximum)
- Diversity statement addressing how the nominee will contribute to diversity in the nominating department/program, university, and/or future profession. The diversity statement must include relevant supporting data and narrative, correlating with eligibility criteria items (1) (5), about the basis of the nominee's eligibility regarding noted markers of diversity. (1 page maximum)

Nomination Packet Components



Letters of Recommendation

- For master's and doctoral nominations of students <u>NOT</u> currently enrolled at TAMU:
 - At least one, but no more than three (3), letters of recommendation for the nominee.
 - Letters of recommendation included in GraduateCAS, EngineeringCAS, or BusinessCAS application materials are sufficient.
- For master's or doctoral nominations of students <u>currently</u> enrolled in a TAMU undergraduate program:
 - Letters of recommendation included in GraduateCAS, EngineeringCAS, or BusinessCAS application materials are sufficient.
- For doctoral nominations of students <u>currently</u> enrolled in a master's program:
 - Two (2) new letters of recommendation for the student (no more than four (4) total pages).

Nomination Packet Components



- Financial Commitment* summary noting the department/program's financial offer to complement the collaborative funding package
- Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae
- GraduateCAS, EngineeringCAS or BusinessCAS application materials (e.g., application, personal statement, transcripts, etc.)

*Information from the <u>Financial Commitment summary</u> noting the department/program's financial offer to complement the collaborative funding package will be directly entered in the "Details" section of the nomination application in InfoReady.

Sample Diversity Statement



- ✓ Diversity marker identified
- ✓ Relevant supporting data correlating
 with eligibility criteria items (1) (5)
- ✓ A narrative describing how the applicant will contribute to the diversity of the nominating department or program, university and/or future profession
- √ 1 page maximum
- ✓ Sources identified

John Doe is a first-generation, Latino male college student, a target population designated in the Graduate and Professional School's strategic plan for the Dr. Dionel Avilés '53 and Dr. James Johnson '67 Fellowship Program. According to the DARS Fall 2021 certified enrollment report, Latinos comprise approximately 9.3% of doctoral students at Texas A&M University. This percentage is substantially lower than the percentage of Latino undergraduate students which is currently 22.8%. Additionally, of the total population of doctoral students in the College of Arts and Science, only 10.3 % are Latino, and less than 4.3% are Latino male. Through their unique perspectives and experiences, Latino students enhance classroom learning and campus diversity.

https://grad.tamu.edu/getmedia/4f1781a6-6ea8-4253-bfbc-37a564932e0c/Strategic-Plan-10 27 2021.pdf

https://accountability.tamu.edu/All-Metrics/Graduate-and-Professional-Studies/Graduate-Professional-Applied,-Admitted-Enrolled

https://accountability.tamu.edu/All-Metrics/Mixed-Metrics/Student-Demographics

Evaluation Criteria



- 1. Evidence of superior academic achievement such as class rank; GPA; honors or other awards; etc.
- 2. Relevant experiences outside of the classroom such as extracurricular experiences related to course of study; leadership experiences; work experiences; military experiences; internships; personal history; international experiences (i.e., study abroad, semester at sea, etc.); research experiences (either at their own university or in summer undergraduate research opportunities at other universities); oral or poster presentations; publications; etc.
- 3. Non-cognitive and personal attributes that speak to the nominee's research potential, adaptability, creativity and collegiality; motivation and experience; persistence in and commitment to educational success; social and emotional skills and character traits; etc.

Nominees, Offers, Accepts, and Enrolled



2022-2023

	Master's	Round 1 - Doctoral	Round 2 - Doctoral	Total
Nominees	41	143	21	205
Offers	10	68	9	87
Accepts	5	27	4	36
Enrolled	5	24	3	32
Deferred But Enrolled	0	2	0	2

2021-2022

	Master's	Round 1 - Doctoral	Round 2 - Doctoral	Total
Nominees	44	148	24	216
Offers	15	81	13	109
Accepts	13	33	12	58
Enrolled	13	33	12	58
Deferred But Enrolled	0	2	1	3

Number of nomination submissions



Departments or Interdisciplinary Degree Programs may submit up to:

- Fifteen (15) doctoral nominations in either round 1 or round 2
- Five (5) master's nominations in either round 1 or round 2

Doctoral and master's nominations may not be submitted to both rounds.

Number of nomination submissions



Examples	Allowed	Not Allowed
A department submits up to 15 doctoral nominations in Round 1 and up to 5 master's nominations in Round 2.	X	
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A department decides to split up nominations and submit 9 doctoral nominations in Round 1 and 6 doctoral nominations in Round 2.		X
A department submits 3 master's nominations in Round 1 and 2 master's nominations in Round 2. In addition, the same department submits up to 15 nominations in Round 1.	The doctoral nomination submission in this example is allowed because the doctoral nominations were submitted in 1 Round only.	Because the <i>master's nomination</i> submissions were split up between both rounds, the master's nominations in Round 2 will not be accepted.

Doctoral and Master's Round Submission



IMPORTANT!

Departments and Interdisciplinary Degree Programs (IDP) will need to identify which round they would like to submit **doctoral** (maximum **15**) and **master's** (maximum **5**) nominations.



DECISION DEADLINE:

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

tx.ag/AvilesJohnsonRoundSelection

Doctoral and master's nominations <u>may not</u> be submitted to both rounds.

Nomination Submission Deadlines



DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
Monday, Jan. 23 at 5pm CST	Doctoral/Master's Round Selection
Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 5pm CST	Nominations Round 1 submission deadline
Wednesday, Mar. 1 st at 5pm CST	Nominations Round 2 submission deadline

Nominators, graduate advisors, department heads, and graduate deans will be notified of which applicants have been selected for the Avilés-Johnson Fellowship within three (3) weeks of the nomination deadline.

Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Program Timeline (ROUND 1)



Date	Description
Wed., Feb. 1 st	Nomination submission deadline
Tues., Feb. 7 th	Reviewer assignments announced
Wed., Feb. 8 th	Conflict of Interest – deadline (24-hour turnaround time)
Thurs., Feb. 9 th – Wed., Feb. 16 th	Nomination review window
Thurs., Feb. 16 th	Reviews due from reviewers (scores and comments)
Wed., Feb. 22 nd	Departmental award notifications emailed (includes students awarded as well as those not awarded)
Thurs., Mar. 2 nd – Fri., Mar. 3 rd	Award letters emailed to students and CC nominator/DH/Graduate Advisor/GOC Dean
Sat., Apr. 1 st – Sat., Apr. 15 th	Track responses from students (yes, no, no response)
Sat., Apr. 15 th	Deadline to accept fellowships

Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Program Timeline (ROUND 2)



Date	Description
Wed., Mar. 1 st	Nomination submission deadline
Tues., Mar. 7 th	Reviewer assignments announced
Wed., Mar. 8 th	Conflict of Interest – deadline (24-hour turnaround time)
Thurs., Mar. 9 th – Thurs., Mar. 16 th	Nomination review window
Thurs., Mar. 16 th	Reviews due from reviewers (scores and comments)
Wed., Mar. 22 nd	Departmental award notifications emailed (includes students awarded as well as those not awarded)
Thurs., Mar. 30 th – Fri., Mar. 31 st	Award letters emailed to students and CC nominator/DH/Graduate Advisor/GOC Dean
Sat., Apr. 1 st – Sat., Apr. 15 th	Track responses from students (yes, no, no response)
Sat., Apr. 15 th	Deadline to accept fellowships



InfoReady application links will open Friday, December 16th, 2022



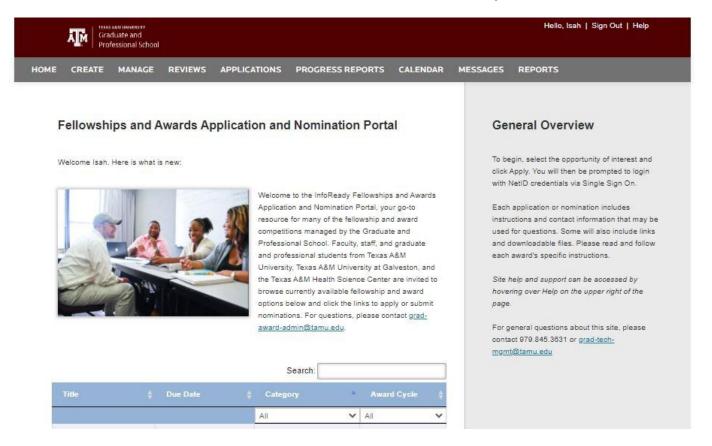


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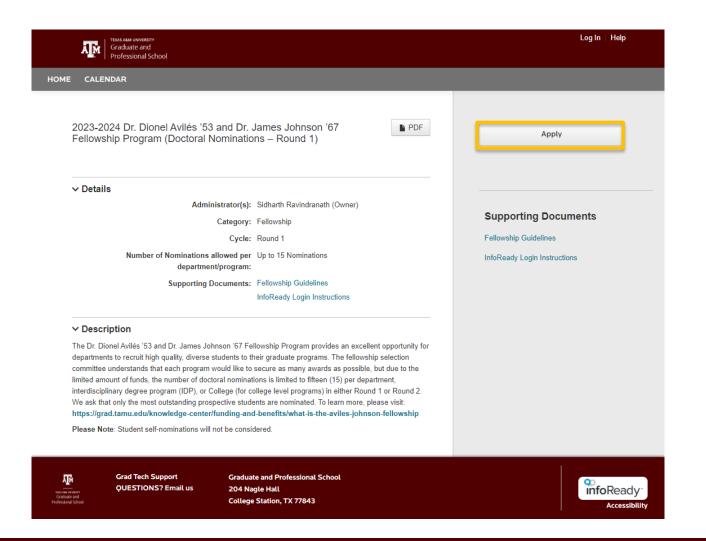
Nomination submissions will be completed in the InfoReady submission platform



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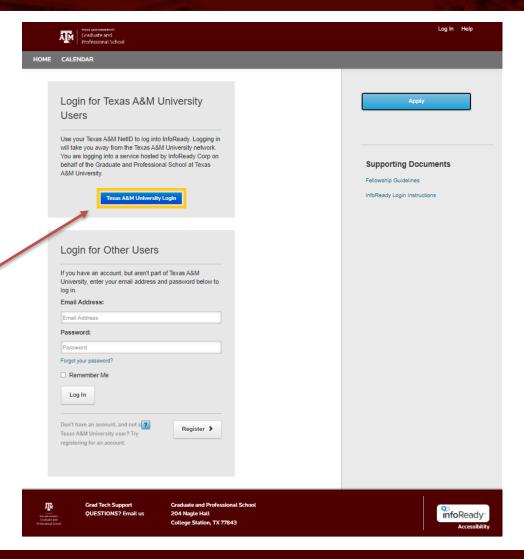
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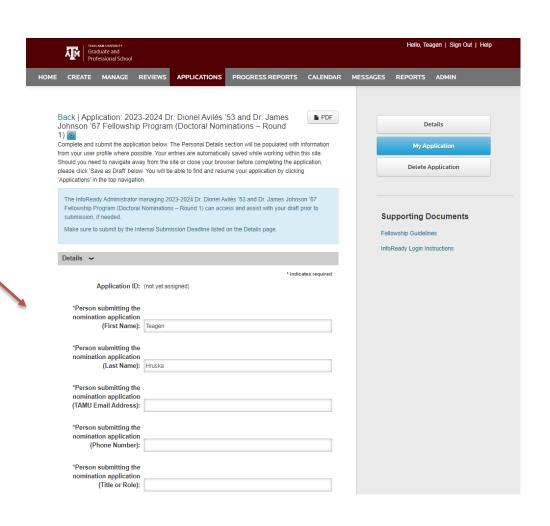




Details Section:

- Individual Completing
 Application
- Diversity Markers
- Citizenship
- Nominee Information
- Grad Advisor, Nominator
- Financial Commitment

Example used: Doctoral Nomination Application





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'Is the nominee a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? (student must be one or the other to be eligible):

*Nominee's First Name:

Example used: Doctoral Nomination Application

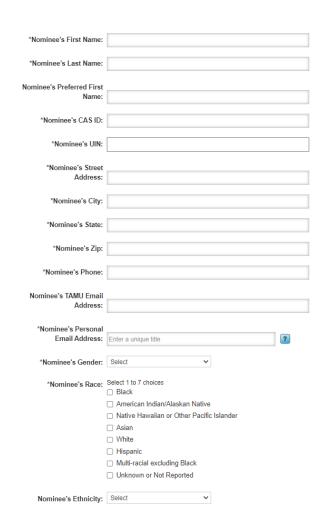
nomination application (Phone Number): *Person submitting the nomination application (Title or Role):

*Nominees should meet Select 1 to 5 choices



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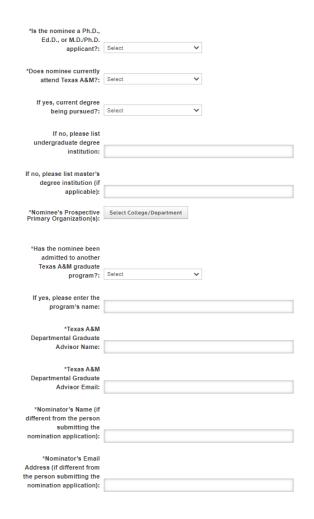
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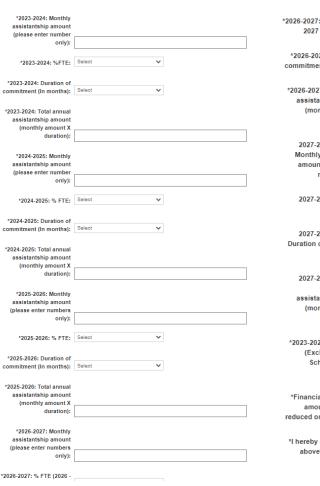
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Upload Files Section:

Submit one (1) .pdf file, in the order noted, and upload using the "Choose File" button.

IMPORTANT: Please review all pdfs prior to each nomination submission to ensure all documents in each packet are readable and complete.

Upload Files 🐱

*Nominee Information

* indicates required

For doctoral nominations of students NOT currently enrolled at TAMU: Items 1-

5 should be saved in one (1) pdf file, in the order noted, and uploaded below.

- A nomination letter clearly describing the nominee's: 1) superior academic performance,
 relevant experiences outside the classroom, and 3) other indicators of future success (no more than two (2) pages).
- 2. A diversity statement addressing how the nominee will contribute to diversity in the nominating department/program, university, and/or future profession. The diversity statement must include relevant supporting data and narrative, correlating with criteria items (1) (5), about the basis of the nominee's eligibility regarding noted markers of diversity (no more than one (1) page).
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- Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.
- GraduateCAS, EngineeringCAS or BusinessCAS application materials (e.g. application, personal statement, transcripts, etc.).

For doctoral nominations of students <u>currently</u>, enrolled in a TAMU undergraduate or master's program: Items 1-6 should be saved in one (1) pdf file, in the order noted, and uploaded below.

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 relevant experiences outside the classroom, and 3) other indicators of future success (no more than two (2) pages).
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- Two (2) new letters of recommendation for the student (no more than four (4) total pages).
- Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.
- Copy of undergraduate degree transcript.
- 6. Copy of TAMU master's degree transcript (if applicable).

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Save or Submit Your Application Section:

- Enter e-mail addresses
 of those who need to
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- You have an option to "Save as Draft" or "Submit Application"

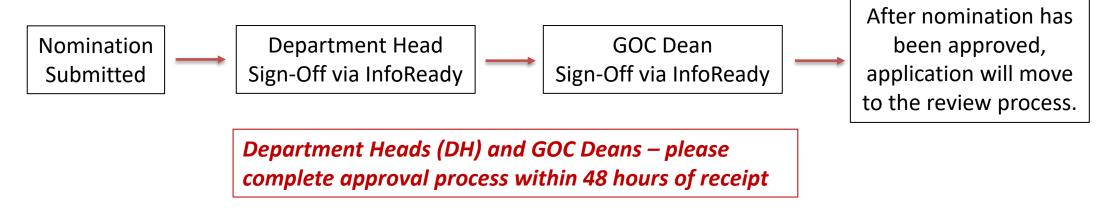
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<u>IMPORTANT:</u> The application is not considered submitted <u>until</u> the "Submit Application" button is clicked.



What happens after nomination applications are submitted?

Department heads will start the approval process.



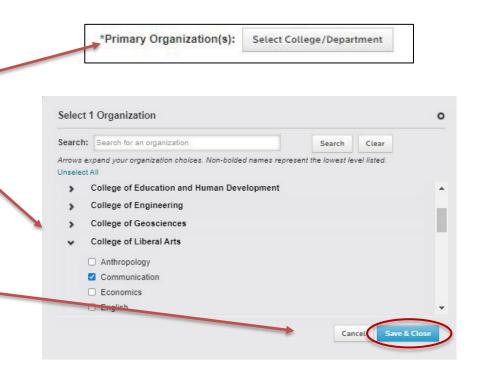
NOTE: Formal approval from DH and GOC Deans is not necessary for the nomination deadline or for the nomination submission to be deemed complete.



Important Updates to the Avilés-Johnson InfoReady Application:

AUTOMATIC ROUTING

- Based on the College/Department selected, the Department Head and GOC Dean will be automatically notified (i.e., DH and GOC names and email addresses are pre-loaded).
- Please double-check your selection accurately!
- Click "Save & Close" to make your College/Department selection.





What information will Department Heads and GOC Deans receive to complete the approval process?

Department Heads will receive an email from InfoReady to approve or deny the application from moving forward in the process. This will be completed in InfoReady.

After the Department Head approves nomination, the GOC Dean will receive an email notification from InfoReady to **approve** or **deny** in InfoReady.

<u>Approved</u> and <u>completed</u> applications will move forward to the review process.





Email notifications from InfoReady will come from the following sender and email address:

Texas A&M Graduate and Professional School support@inforeadyreview.com

Contact Information



For questions about the Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Program, please contact:

grad-award-admin@tamu.edu



Questions?