

Deadline to Apply: 05/09/11

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Announcement

Depending on the availability of funding, the Center for Water Research (CWR) at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is accepting applications for graduate research scholarships, which will be available for M.S. students beginning in September 2011. **Information on funding will not be available until the budget has been adopted by the Texas Legislature.** The Center is an interdisciplinary research center staffed by resident professionals, faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students. The Center is funded to address research and technical issues in water resources in San Antonio and South Texas which are of direct benefit to the people of the state of Texas. Students will be able to use CWR research facilities as they work toward completion of their degrees.

Applicants are required to satisfy the following requirements:

- Have completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited university in Geology, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, Environmental Science, Civil and Environmental Engineering, or related fields.
- Be admitted to a UTSA graduate program in Geological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, or Civil and Environmental Engineering without conditions.
- Be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for the last 60 hours of upper division undergraduate courses and/or graduate courses.
- **If funds are available**, students receiving full scholarships, **up to \$13,000 plus \$7,000 tuition**, must be enrolled for at least 9 credit hours in the Fall and Spring semesters and 3 credit hours in the Summer semester for the duration of the scholarship. Students who intend to officially apply for their degree are eligible to receive the full scholarship in their final semester regardless of the number of registered credit hours. Students are not eligible for further or continued scholarship support if they enrolled for less than 9 credit hours, have received the full scholarship, but did not complete all degree requirements and intend to graduate in that semester.
- **If funds are available**, students receiving partial scholarships, **up to \$6,500 plus \$3,500 tuition**, must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours in Fall and Spring and 1 credit hour in the Summer semesters for the duration of the scholarship;
- **If funds are available**, students receiving partial scholarships, **up to \$5,000, no tuition**, must be enrolled for at least 3 credit hours in Fall and Spring and 1 credit hour in the Summer semesters for the duration of the scholarship;
- Thesis topics must deal with some aspect of water resources and must be of benefit to the people of the State of Texas;
- Students receiving a full scholarship cannot hold any outside (non-UTSA) employment during the duration of the scholarship. Students may work at UTSA for **up to 19 hours per week**.

Competitive scholarships are available a maximum of (2) years, contingent upon evidence of satisfactory progress on completing thesis requirements, and availability of funding. Performance of scholarship recipients will be evaluated every semester under the following schedule: Student progress reports and a recommendation by respective supervisors shall be submitted to CWR by December 9, 2010, April 28, 2011 and August 11, 2011 for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The CWR Scholarship Committee will evaluate support applications. Recommendations of the CWR Scholarship Committee are subject to approval by the CWR Director.

Partial scholarships are awarded under extraordinary circumstances and with the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and the approval of the Director of the Center for Water Research.

The deadline to submit complete applications is Monday, May 9, 2011. Early application submittal is strongly encouraged. Qualified applicants should contact the respective faculty members for supporting recommendations. For additional information on application requirements, procedures, and pay schedule, please contact Ms. Hermina Simpson at 210.458.5471, SB 1.03.04, Hermina.Simpson@utsa.edu. The CWR web site is www.utsa.edu/water/, then click on "Scholarships".

Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. A copy of the application form for admission to UTSA Graduate School
 - i. Geological Sciences,
 - ii. Environmental Sciences, or
 - iii. Civil and Environmental Engineering
2. Original or copy of GRE scores. GRE scores older than five years will not be accepted.
3. Original or copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts (originals are preferred).
4. One page narrative of Research Interest.
5. Two ***original*** Letters of Recommendation. Letters must be no older than six months' time from date of requirement.
6. Resume.

Re-Applicants (Second Year) are required to submit the following:

1. Cover letter by re-applicant addressed to the Scholarship Committee, stating why support is needed.
2. Evaluation of re-applicant's work/research by supervising professor covering the time from the beginning of financial support to the present.
3. Recommendation letter from re-applicant's advising professor or the professor with which re-applicant currently is in a professor/student teaching relationship.
4. Program of Study or anticipated classes re-applicant will take in the Fall semester.
5. Updated transcript.

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Please submit applications to:

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