

Hispanic Leadership in Agriculture and the Environment (HLAE) Application

Program Requirements –

- A. Admittance to a M.S. or Ph.D. program in the College of Science or Engineering at UTSA
- B. Completed undergraduate degree for M.S. studies or completed master's degree for Ph.D. studies
- C. U.S. Citizen
- D. Full-time student
- E. Participate in orientation (each year in Fall), policy analysis workshop (alternate years in Fall), leadership development workshop (alternate years in Spring), research-sharing workshop (yearly in Spring), funding for research workshop (first year in Spring), natural resources field trip (alternate years in Spring), and meeting with National Advisory Board (yearly in Winter)
- F. Link research with a Texas or U. S. Hispanic community
- G. Submit annual progress reports at end of each spring semester, i.e., courses for credit completed, status of research, articles submitted for publication, articles published in refereed journals, papers and poster presentations at professional meetings, awards and honors received, and a statement from the student's advisor.

Program Provisions –

- A. For M.S. studies, support will be at least \$25,000 per year (from a combination of funding sources) for two years and could be a graduate teaching or research assistantships, and payment of tuition and fees
- B. For Ph.D. studies, support will be at least \$30,000 per year (from/or a combination of funding sources) for three years and could be a graduate teaching or research assistantships, and payment of tuition and fees
- C. Ph.D. studies for four years, if students go from B.S. to Ph.D. program or start in M.S. program and change to Ph.D. program during the first year of M.S. studies
- D. A petition or permission is required for additional temporary support or additional research support
- E. If students participate in a paid internship for a summer or a semester, the total two- or three-year period may be extended by one semester
- F. Students that complete an M.S. through this program and are accepted to the doctoral program may continue with the program but will have to request support
- G. Research support, \$2,500 per year for travel, lodging, and meals for all required activities
- H. Employing organizations may sponsor students, and support for tuition and fees may be available
- I. Most required program activities for both M.S. and Ph.D. students will be completed in first two years. In third year Ph.D. students will only be required to participate in a meeting with the National Advisory Board and a research-sharing workshop

Program Partners –

University of Texas at San Antonio, and University of Texas Pan American, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Program Application –

- A. Letter of recommendation from departmental major advisor confirming some departmental funding for the two- or three-year period and flexibility in the academic program to participate in required program activities, i.e., orientation, policy analysis workshop, leadership development workshop, research-sharing workshop, funding for research workshop, natural resources field trip, and meeting with National Advisory Board
- B. Application form signed by student (see attached)
- C. Copy of accepted application for graduate studies at UTSA
- D. Submit hardcopy application as soon as possible, they will be reviewed as received.

Submit to:

Cheryl Negrete for Dr. O. W. Van Auken
CRTS-CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN SCIENCES
The University of Texas at San Antonio
BSE 1.624
One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249-0662

Note: For more information about this program or about the application, call 210-458-5168 or 210-458-5489 or email cheryl.negrete@utsa.edu. or oscar.vanauken@utsa.edu.
You may also review the project website, which is currently being updated,
at: <http://www.utsa.edu/crts/HLAE/index.htm>

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Gender: ____ Male, ____ Female

Ethnicity: ____ Hispanic, ____ African-American, ____ White ____ Asian, ____ Native American

U.S. Citizen: ____ Yes, ____ No

Degree Seeking: ____ M.S., ____ Ph.D.

Biographical Sketch: (Please place in this cell a two page (max) sketch and describe your place of origin, educational background, academic achievements, personal achievements, and highlight your experiences in working with or serving with the Hispanic population in the U.S.)

Vision Statement: (Please place in this cell a one page (max) vision statement and share how you feel participating in HLAE will help you make contributions to the Hispanic population in the U.S., the research interest that you currently have, and how solutions related to this research could have a positive impact on the U.S. Hispanic population.)

Acceptance Statement:

I hereby accept all the conditions and support from the Hispanic Leaders in Agriculture and the Environment (HLAE) and give permission to the Project Director of HLAE and selection committee members to review my academic application, check my references, and letter of recommendation from my advisor. If accepted, I agree to study full time, not accept outside employment while in the HLAE, participate in all required and compulsory activities, e.g., orientation (every year in the Fall), policy analysis workshop (alternate years in the Fall), leadership development workshop (alternate years in the Spring), research-sharing workshop (every year in the Spring), funding for research workshop (first year in the Spring), natural resources field trip (alternate years in the Spring), meeting with National Advisory Board (every year in the Winter), and other activities that may develop as the HLAE evolves, and represent the HLAE in a professional manner at all times and promote the goals and objectives of the HLAE at every opportunity.

Student Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed and Approved by Faculty Advisor:

Date: _____