



STUDENT RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Student Research and Innovation Summer Experience (S-RISE)

Applications due March 19, 2025

For questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact the Office of Student Research and Innovation at student.research@tamucc.edu

What is the S-RISE program?

The Student Research and Innovation Summer Experience (S-RISE) is a program that provides support to students engaging in research and creative activities at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Students selected through the highly competitive process will be provided a scholarship and professional development through the Office of Student Research and Innovation (OSRI). Mentors of the selected students will receive a one-time taxable payment of \$500 in support of providing impactful mentoring.

When is the S-RISE program?

The program begins June 2, 2025, and ends July 30, 2025. Students are expected to commit approximately 20 hours per week to the program, or as agreed upon between the student and the mentor.

Who is eligible to apply?

Students of all disciplines at TAMU-CC are eligible to apply. Students must identify a mentor (TAMU-CC faculty or research staff are eligible) before applying. Students must be in good academic standing with the University and must be enrolled at TAMU-CC for at least one credit hour for summer 2025. Students that are currently engaged in research or creative activity are particularly encouraged to apply.

How will students be selected?

A committee composed of faculty and staff from across campus will review all applications and select the top students to be recommended for funding. Review criteria will include assessing the quality of the written application, how well the student conveyed the importance of the project, and a strong letter of commitment from the mentor.

What will students receive if selected for the program?

Students selected for S-RISE will initially receive a \$500 scholarship to assist with tuition expenses for summer enrollment (a minimum of 1 credit hour is required). After the successful completion of the program, students will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. Students will also receive guidance from OSRI on such topics as writing and presentation skills, student fellowships, and exploring career opportunities.

What are the expectations of mentors?

Mentors must provide a letter of commitment to support and mentor the student during the summer of 2025. The mentor must also be able to comment on the student's



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capability to successfully complete the project. In the letter, the mentor must outline the mentoring plan for the student, what support they will provide to the student, the capability of the student to successfully complete the project, and the future of the project past summer of 2025. Mentors of students will be expected to provide consistent support for their S-RISE student throughout the summer of 2025. This will include meeting regularly to receive updates on projects, assisting with troubleshooting, etc. If students will be working on projects involving biological agents, human subjects, or animals, it is **REQUIRED** that the mentor have a current approved protocol on file with the Office of Research Compliance for the study by May 1, 2025. The mentor will need to add the student to their approved protocol before beginning the work. Mentors will receive a onetime taxable payment of \$500 after the student completes the 8-week S-RISE program.

What are the expectations of the students selected to participate in S-RISE?

Students participating in the S-RISE program will be expected to complete weekly reflections and professional development assignments. In addition, they must attend weekly in-person meetings with the S-RISE cohort and the OSRI Program Coordinator. These meetings will offer valuable opportunities for professional growth, as well as a platform for students to share updates and address any challenges they may encounter. At the conclusion of the program, students will also be required to present their projects at the S-RISE Reception.

How do students apply?

All required materials must be submitted as a **single PDF file on MS Forms by 11:59 PM CDT on March 19, 2025**. The point of contact for this program is Ms. Christina Loftin. If you do not receive confirmation of your application submission within 72 hours, please email Ms. Loftin at student.research@tamucc.edu. Applications missing any required sections will **NOT** be reviewed, and those submitted after the specified deadline or emailed to student.research@tamucc.edu will **NOT** be reviewed.

Required Materials

- Application
- Student *CV* or resume
- Mentor *CV*
- Letter of commitment from mentor

Instructions

Students are expected to complete the application with assistance from their mentor, but the mentor should not write or submit the application. Applications submitted by mentors on behalf of the student will **NOT** be reviewed. Students must submit the application with all required materials as a **single PDF document** on MS Forms by **11:59 PM CDT on March 19, 2025**. You should receive confirmation of your application submission within 72 hours.

Applications that are missing any of the sections listed below will not be reviewed.



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Student Information:

1. First and Last Name
2. A#
3. Email Address
4. Major
5. Current Classification

Mentor Information:

6. First and Last Name
7. Email Address

Project Information:

8. Project Title
9. Please indicate which, if any, compliance clearances apply to your project. Consult with your mentor if you are unsure.
 - IACUC
 - IBC
 - IRB
 - My project does not require compliance oversight
10. If your project involves IACUC, IBC, or IRB compliance oversight, please provide the application (1) title, (2) number, and (3) status (e.g., approved, pending approval, or not submitted). Consult with your mentor for this information. **Write N/A if your project does not involve compliance.**

Required Materials:

11. Personal Statement (300 words or less)

This statement should demonstrate how participation in the S-RISE program will advance your academic and career goals.

12. Project Proposal (500 words or less)

Your proposal must outline the importance of your project, detail its methodology, describe its broader societal impacts, provide anticipated outcomes, and elucidate a dissemination strategy. For creative activities and performing art proposals, please address the following points: What are your creative, artistic, or conceptual objectives? Who is your intended audience? Specify the media you plan to utilize. Also provide information on how you will display, perform, or disseminate your project.

13. References/Bibliography

Provide a list of references or a bibliography in the citation style relevant to your field (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago). This list should include all the sources you have cited in your proposal.



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14. Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume (up to 3 pages)

Students must provide a CV or resume highlighting relevant experiences, including education, academic achievements, publications, performances, presentations, internships, work history, and memberships in professional or academic associations.

15. Mentor Biosketch

Mentors must submit a biosketch formatted using SciENcv (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/>). No other formats will be accepted. For assistance with developing your biosketch or registering with research.gov, please contact the Office of Research Development at researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu.

16. Letter of Commitment from Mentor (up to 2 pages)

A letter of commitment signed by your mentor must be provided as part of your application. Your mentor must be a full-time TAMU-CC faculty or research staff member. The mentor's letter needs to specifically address a commitment to the following: 1) overseeing the project and your training, 2) meeting regularly with you, 3) ensuring proper documentation is on file with the Office of Research Compliance regarding the project, if applicable, and 4) mentoring on completing progress reports and presentations.

Cohort Meeting Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I am required to attend eight (8) in-person cohort meetings in-person, which last approximately two hours and are held during regular business hours (Monday-Friday). I understand that failure to attend these meetings will result in the forfeiture of all funds associated with the program.

Interview Acknowledgement

If selected as a finalist, I agree to participate in a brief interview to discuss my application and provide any additional information required to support the selection process.