UTSA Graduate School is Offering Graduate Student Teaching & Research Awards for 2013

(Jan. 14, 2013) — The Graduate School is proud to announce that it will present a total of ten awards of $1,000 each to recognize graduate students for excellence in their teaching positions at UTSA or outstanding accomplishments in research made while enrolled at UTSA.

Graduate Student Teaching Awards

All nominations for the teaching awards must be made by a faculty member, and each graduate program may submit only one nomination for each appointment category. Nominees may be either master’s or doctoral students. Students employed in the Teaching Assistant I, Teaching Assistant II or Assistant Instructor employee positions are eligible to receive the award.

All graduate students are eligible for teaching award nomination if they held any of the three appointment titles during Spring 2012, Summer 2012, or Fall 2012. Student nominees must be enrolled in at least 6 hours during the Spring 2013 semester, must be in good academic standing, and must be making good academic progress toward their degree. All teaching award nomination materials are due by March 1, 2013 and award recipients will be announced on April 1, 2013.

Graduate Student Research Awards

For the research awards, three of the five will be given to doctoral students and two awards will be given to master’s students. For the purpose of these awards, the term “research” is interpreted broadly. Awards will be made to students who are deemed to have made important contributions to their field of study.

Graduate students at both the master’s and the doctoral level are eligible to apply if they are currently enrolled at the University of Texas at San Antonio in at least six hours of graduate-level coursework, if they are in good academic standing, and if they are making good progress toward their degree. All applications and supporting documents are due by March 22, 2013 and award recipients will be announced on April 22, 2013.

While both awards are non-need awards, if you are receiving financial aid, the $1,000 must fit within your financial aid budget limits. For a full list of nomination or application requirements, visit http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/funding/.

UTSA Graduate School
The Graduate Newsletter

Graduate Student 
SUCCESS EVENTS

The Graduate School partners with UTSA faculty, staff, and students each semester to provide our graduate students with the opportunity to take learning beyond the classroom. These workshops are free to UTSA students & their guests.

Graduate Writing Game Plan
Saturday, February 2, 2013
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

APA Citation Techniques
Saturday, February 2, 2013
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Introduction to Research Design
Saturday, February 9, 2013
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Library Research Skills & Services for Graduate Students
Saturday, February 9, 2013
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Managing & Mastering Presentations
Saturday, February 16, 2013
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Tools for Overcoming Public Speaking Anxiety
Saturday, February 16, 2013
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Introduction to the Grant Research Process
Saturday, February 23, 2013
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Ethics in Conduct of Research
Saturday, February 23, 2013
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Interactive Resume & Cover Letter Development
Saturday, March 2, 2013
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

For a full list of events or to register for a workshop visit: http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/current-students/graduate-student-success-events/
The Inclusion and Community Engagement (ICE) Center at UTSA is a space for all members of the university community to explore issues relating to culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, volunteerism, and politics. The ICE Center is a “home away from home” for many students. The ICE Center offers training sessions, community engagement events and student & community development activities. The ICE Center seeks to empower & develop all members of the UTSA community to celebrate our diversity by providing varied educational opportunities and support services.

The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, during the spring and fall semesters. The ICE Center is located in the University Center 2.01.04. For more information, visit www.utsa.edu/ICE or email the ICE Center at engaged@utsa.edu.

UTSA is Recognized by Minority Access Inc. for Commitment to Diversity

(Dec. 18, 2012) — The University of Texas at San Antonio is among 27 higher education institutions across the nation honored for its commitment to diversity by Minority Access, Inc., a national nonprofit educational organization dedicated to improving diversity in education, employment and research.

As a model among institutions with strong and comprehensive diversity initiatives, UTSA has been able to share its initiatives through Minority Access as best practices to those around the country wanting to improve diversity at their institutions.

"In the past two years since our office was established, we have been working around the clock to build relationships across campus and in the community with a focus on creating a comprehensive student and faculty diversity strategy," said Lisa Firmin, associate provost for faculty and undergraduate student diversity and recruitment. "I am pleased to see UTSA's various diversity and inclusion efforts from around the entire university included among other outstanding nationally known institutions."

UTSA aspires to be a Tier One university while embracing its role as a Hispanic- and minority-serving institution. As an emerging research university, UTSA provides access and opportunity for historically underserved students. More than 60 percent of UTSA students come from groups underrepresented in higher education and many are the first in their families to attend a university.

A few facts about UTSA diversity initiatives and recognition:

- Established in 2012, the Presidential Distinguished Diversity Awards program recognizes diversity/inclusion efforts among students, faculty and staff.
- Both the College of Business and College of Engineering graduate programs were recognized in Hispanic Business magazine’s 2011 Best Schools for Hispanics.
- The university has been awarded Military Friendly School status by GI Jobs magazine for the last three years, ranking in the top 15 percent of more than 12,000 schools for efforts to recruit and retain military members and veterans.
- The study abroad program is quite diverse with students from every continent except Antarctica.
- The Ally Program provides training and resources to faculty and staff members to create a welcoming and supportive environment for students who identify as LGBTQ.
- UTSA has more than 285 registered student organizations, a Multicultural Greek Council and a National Pan-Hellenic Association, which include numerous historically black fraternities and sororities.
- One of the university’s freshman orientation programs is conducted in Spanish so more students' families can be involved with the university experience.

Interested in Joining the GSA?

GSA (Graduate Student Association) is looking for master’s and doctoral students to take an active role in planning and facilitating social, academic and professional development events for our UTSA Graduate Student population. If you would like to have a part in the planning of workshops, panel discussions, research endeavors, and social events, please contact GSA at utsagradstudents@gmail.com.

As a Graduate Student at UTSA, you will automatically receive updates and announcements on semester events sponsored by GSA. If you would like to be added to the GSA listserv, please email utsagradstudents@gmail.com.

Two UTSA Students Honored at State Student Affairs Conference

Corey Benson and Leslianne Garcia, two UTSA graduate students in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies master's program, were honored at the Texas Association for Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA) state conference in San Antonio this past October. Benson, who is also UTSA’s GSA President, was named a TACUSPA fellow for the 2012-2013 academic year and Garcia was a member of the winning TACUSPA Graduate Student Case Study competition team.

As a TACUSPA fellow, Benson received a scholarship to attend the conference, was paired with a board member to serve as his mentor, served as the conference host for nationally renowned higher education technology speaker Eric Stoller and will complete an article for the TACUSPA newsletter this spring.

Garcia and her teammate defeated students from graduate programs across the state by presenting how they would handle a volatile situation on campus as an administrator.

Founded nearly 90 years ago, TACUSPA is the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators is an association of administrators, staff, students, and others interested in the professional administration of student affairs programs in higher education.
Spring Semester Updates from The Graduate School

The Graduate School has several new items for 2013 that we want to share with current students, prospective students and anyone interested in getting more information on UTSA Graduate programs.

**New Building Name**

The Graduate School has a new building title. Our offices are located in the Plaza Norte Building (PNB) on the Main Campus. The Suite number, 2.210, is unchanged. The former name of the building is North Paseo Building (NPB II) and may still be listed as such on campus maps and publication items. If you have any inquiries when trying to visit our building, feel free to call (210) 458-4331.

**Spring Semester Hours**

The Graduate School has new hours of operation for Spring 2013. They are as follows:

Monday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Tuesday- Friday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Limited services are offered after 5 PM, so feel free to call (210) 458-4331 prior to visiting our offices to ensure we can serve your needs.

**Graduate School Downtown Assistance**

One of our Graduate School Recruiters, Vivian Padilla, will be available to meet with students at our Downtown campus starting in mid-February. Vivian will be at the Enrollment Services counter (in FS 1.500) from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM on Tuesdays.

To schedule an appointment at the Downtown campus with Vivian, call (210) 458-5327 or send an email to Vivian.Padilla@utsa.edu.

**Instant Chat Hours**

The Instant Chat feature has new hours for the new semester & will be live Tuesday - Friday from 2 PM to 4 PM. All hours are CST. You can visit [http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/futurestudents](http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/futurestudents) to find Instant Chat.

Instant Chat is monitored by our Graduate Recruiting staff members and we can offer practical information on our programs, career options, admissions requirements and application process. Additionally, we can answer questions about what entrance exam is required for the program you are interested in, where you can get Applicant Rating forms if you need them and what financial aid options are available for you. Our staff cannot, however, provide application status checks or GPA calculations.

**New Television Ad**

The latest television ad for The Graduate School was recently released. The ad speaks to the diversity of the graduate programs UTSA has to offer and demonstrates the cutting-edge research taking place at the university.

To view the ad, you can visit [http://graduateschool.utsa.edu](http://graduateschool.utsa.edu) or visit this link.

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**UTSA Engineering Professor Named Prestigious IEEE Fellow**

Dr. Ruyan Guo, the program advisor for the M.S. in Advanced Materials Engineering, was recently named a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). She received this honor because of her contributions “to the understanding of polarization phenomena in ferroelectric solid-solution systems.” Guo, a Robert E. Clarke Endowed Professor, is among 297 of the IEEE’s 400,000 members that were elevated to fellow for 2013. Guo notes that the recognition “acknowledges accomplishments in interdisciplinary research and brings to me immense pride for being an educator and a researcher in electrical engineering and materials research.”
Biomedical Engineering Student Receives Translational Science Training (TST) Scholars Award

Arpan Satsangi is a 2012-2013 recipient of the Translational Science Training (TST) Scholars Award. Satsangi is a Ph.D. candidate in the joint Biomedical Engineering program at the University of Texas at San Antonio and the UT Health Science Center.

As a San Antonio native, Satsangi attended Health Careers High School and that is when he first met his current mentor Dr. Joo Ong, the Department Chair for the Department of Biomedical Engineering. While working with Dr. Ong, Satsangi won the National Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Science, Math, and Technology for his research. Because Satsangi was exposed to and excelled in the field of research early in his academic career, it quickly became his passion.

Satsangi notes that being a TST award recipient has placed him in an “environment to interact with people who my research directly affects”. He is currently focusing his research on breast cancer treatment and developing a two-step mechanism to verify nanoparticles are targeting the cancer cells and not healthy cells; this will allow breast cancer patients to better tolerate their chemotherapy treatment.

Satsangi plans to finish his Ph.D. in the summer of this year and immediately begin medical school so he can earn his M.D. and start a career as a translational physician-scientist.

German Fulbright Scholar Attends UTSA to Study in the College of Business

Bernd Wurth, a student from Germany, is a participant in the Fulbright Program and recently began studying at UTSA’s Graduate School. Wurth, who is studying to earn his Masters of Science in Management of Technology with the College of Business, knew he wanted to study abroad and saw the U.S. Fulbright Program as a way to explore a master’s degree that combined management and technology.

Wurth started working on his application in early 2011, when he took the required TOEFL and GRE exams. He then researched possible graduate programs that fit his interests, wrote essays, and when he made the final round, had an interview with local professors, Fulbright commission members and American professors in Germany.

2013-2014 UNIVERSITY TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

UTSA’s Teaching and Learning Center is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 University Teaching Fellows program. These prestigious fellowships give a select group of UTSA doctoral students the opportunity to enrich their teaching skills while providing service to their department and the university. Fellows are awarded a $25,000 stipend for one academic year.

Successful applicants will need strong support from their department chair. If you feel you would make an ideal candidate, you are encouraged to discuss your candidacy with your chair prior to working on the application materials.

Applications are submitted through the department chair, and materials are due to them by February 4, 2013. Interested applicants can get more information by visiting the Teaching & Learning Center website: http://www.utsa.edu/tlc/Teaching_Fellows/index.html

ACADEMIC DEADLINES

January 30 – Census Date

February 15 – Deadline for Spring 2013 master’s and doctoral degree candidates to apply for graduation

March 26 – Drop Deadline
Last day to drop an individual course on ASAP

April 29 – Withdrawal Deadline
Last day to drop all classes

UTSA Grad Assist Now Available Online For Graduate Students

UTSA Grad Assist is a resource for graduate students provided by Graduate Student Learning Assistance at the Tomás Rivera Center. It allows Graduate students throughout the university to connect, regardless of college or discipline, and share ideas, seek out academic resources and get scholastic assistance to maximize their graduate school career. The system can be found on Blackboard and for more information, contact (210) 458-4694; MS 1.02.02 (Main) or DB 2.114 (DT).

Prospective students chat with us LIVE at: graduateschool.utsa.edu/future-students/