

Stipends to Attract Remarkable Students (STARS) Program

STARS is an opportunity to enhance stipends offered to exceptional applicants pursuing terminal degrees in their field of study (i.e., Ph.D. or Masters of Fine Arts). Students must add significantly to the quality of the graduate program's learning environment and the department must award the applicant at least a regular stipend for their program. If accepted and as funds remain, an additional stipend will be awarded from STARS to increase the departmental award by \$6,000. The enhanced stipend award will be for 3 years for doctoral studies or 2 years for a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) terminal degree.

Requests for these enhancing stipends are to be made by the graduate program director. Requests will be considered as long as uncommitted STARS funds remain. To make a request, the following information should be sent to Mrs. Janet Bryant (j.bryant@tcu.edu) of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Graduate Program Director Name

Graduate Program

Degree Sought by Applicant

Applicant Name

Student ID Number (if assigned)

Stipend Department has awarded or will award to this student
(no STARS award will be made if this is not given)

Undergraduate/Graduate GPA

Other Schools Attended

Application must contain a letter of support from the program director describing how the student will significantly enhance the quality of the learning environment within their graduate program. Please think beyond test scores and provide information as to how the applicant's preparation and background adds to your program. The letter of support should also describe what measures will be taken to support the career and professional development of the candidate (including diversity, equity, and inclusion training) and to monitor progression through the program of study.

Please attach letter to this document and submit as one pdf document