

The Honors College at UT Arlington
2027 Application for Research Renegades Fellowship Program

Note: Completed applications are due via email (honors@uta.edu) by 5:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2027

PERSONAL INFORMATION

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ M.I.
_____ Address-Current/Local	_____ City & State	_____ Zip
_____ Phone Number	_____ MavMail	_____ UTA ID#
_____ Major and Minor	_____ Current Cumulative GPA	_____ Classification (Junior, Senior, etc.)
_____ Degree sought (BA, BS, etc.)	_____ Expected Graduation (Semester/Year)	

FACULTY MENTOR INFORMATION

Your faculty mentor must be a full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty member (Assistant, Associate, or full Professor)

Faculty Mentor: _____	Title: _____
UTA E-mail: _____	Phone: _____
College/Department: _____	Box #: _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Do you currently have or plan to have a job this summer?

Yes: _____ No: _____ On-Campus: _____ Off-Campus: _____ Hours per week: _____
(per e-form if on-campus job)

Do you plan to enroll in other summer courses? If yes, list each class and term (Sum-I, Sum-II, 11-week).

_____ Subject/Course #	_____ Term	_____ Subject/Course #	_____ Term	_____ Subject/Course #	_____ Term
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Do you anticipate leaving the state at any time this summer for vacation or other activities? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, indicate when and for how long: _____

Are there any other summer activities you will undertake that have not been addressed above? If so, indicate what they are and what the time commitment will be:

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Title of the Proposal:

PART ONE: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Attach a one-page (single-spaced) personal statement that addresses the following questions/issues:

- How will participation in the Research Renegades Fellowship Program contribute to your educational and/or professional goals?
- Will the Fellowship contribute to your final Honors Capstone Project?
- **NOTE:** If the Fellowship will contribute to your Honors Capstone Project, an Honors College Capstone Project Proposal form **must be submitted with this application.**

PART TWO: RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please select the track that best fits your experience level and follow those instructions for your proposal:

Emerging Researcher:

The Emerging Researcher track is designed for students who are beginning their undergraduate research journeys. Applicants are not expected to have extensive research experience or a fully developed research project. Instead, proposals should demonstrate intellectual curiosity, an interest in exploring a research topic, and a willingness to develop research skills through faculty mentorship.

The proposal should be 1-2 pages, single-spaced, with one-inch margins, and Times New Roman 12-point font size. A full-time instructor or faculty member at UT Arlington must agree to supervise your research. Your faculty mentor should review and approve your proposal before submission. Students may propose an original research idea or plan to contribute to an existing faculty research project.

The research proposal should include the following sections. Use the headings below to organize your proposal rather than writing it as a continuous essay.

1. Research Topic or Question (one paragraph) Describe the topic, issue, or question you would like to explore. What interests you about this subject? If you will be contributing to an existing faculty research project, briefly explain the project's focus and your anticipated role.

2. Background and Interest (one or two paragraphs) Explain what you currently know about your proposed topic and what sparked your interest in investigating it. You may reference relevant coursework, readings, personal observations, or conversations with your faculty mentor. A formal review of scholarly literature is not required.

3. Purpose and Significance (one or two paragraphs) Explain what you hope to discover, understand, or contribute through your research. Why is this topic worth investigating? What might you or others learn from the project?

4. Proposed Research Activities (one or two paragraphs) Describe the activities you anticipate undertaking during the fellowship. These might include reviewing scholarly literature, collecting or analyzing data, conducting experiments, developing creative work, or assisting with an ongoing faculty research project.

You are not expected to have mastered research methodologies at this stage. Instead, explain how you anticipate approaching your project with guidance from your faculty mentor.

5. Research Goals and Skill Development (one paragraph) Identify two or three goals you hope to accomplish during the fellowship. What research skills, knowledge, or experiences do you hope to gain? How will participating in Research Renegades contribute to your academic or professional development?

Optional: References If you consulted scholarly articles, books, or other sources while developing your proposal, you may include a brief list of references. A formal bibliography is not required.

Research Scholar:

The Research Scholar track is designed for students who have some prior research experience and are prepared to engage in more advanced undergraduate research. Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with their proposed research area, an understanding of relevant scholarship, and the ability to articulate a focused research question and a clear plan for investigation. Proposals should reflect students' readiness to contribute meaningfully to a faculty-led research project or pursue an independent research question under faculty mentorship.

The proposal should be 2–3 pages, single-spaced, with one-inch margins and Times New Roman 12-point font. A full-time instructor or faculty member at UT Arlington must agree to supervise your research. Your faculty mentor must review, edit, and approve your proposal before submission. Students may propose an original research project or plan to contribute to an existing faculty research project.

The research proposal should include the following sections. Use the headings below to organize your proposal rather than writing it as a continuous essay.

1. Statement of Problem or Research Question (one paragraph) Clearly identify the specific problem, issue, or research question your project will address. Explain the focus and scope of your proposed investigation. If you will be contributing to an existing faculty research project, describe the larger project's objectives and clarify your anticipated role and individual contribution.

2. Background and Review of Relevant Scholarship (two or three paragraphs) Summarize the existing scholarship, research findings, or creative work most relevant to your proposed project. Demonstrate your understanding of the current knowledge in your field and identify important questions, gaps, or challenges your research will address.

Explain how your proposed project builds upon, extends, or contributes to existing work. Reference relevant scholarly sources to establish the foundation for your investigation.

3. Purpose and Significance (one or two paragraphs) Explain the purpose of your research and what you hope to discover, demonstrate, create, or contribute. Why is your research question important within your discipline or field of study?

Discuss the potential significance of your findings or outcomes, including how your work may advance understanding, address an existing problem, or contribute to ongoing scholarly conversations.

4. Proposed Research Activities and Methodology (two or three paragraphs) Describe the research methods, procedures, or approaches you will use to investigate your question. Depending on your discipline, these may include experiments, data collection and analysis, archival research, surveys, interviews, computational methods, textual analysis, or creative and design-based inquiry.

Explain why your proposed methods are appropriate for your research objectives. Identify the primary activities you anticipate completing during the fellowship and describe your specific responsibilities, particularly if you will be working as part of a larger faculty research team.

Your proposal should demonstrate a clear, feasible plan for conducting research during the fellowship period.

5. Research Goals and Expected Outcomes (one paragraph) Identify two or three specific research goals you intend to accomplish during the fellowship. Describe the outcomes you anticipate, such as research findings, data analysis, a scholarly presentation, a manuscript, a creative work, or progress toward a larger research project.

Explain how these goals will contribute to your continued development as a researcher and your academic or professional aspirations.

Required: Preliminary Bibliography

Include a preliminary bibliography of scholarly sources relevant to your proposed project. Your bibliography should demonstrate engagement with existing research and provide a foundation for your proposed investigation. Use a citation style appropriate to your discipline (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago, IEEE) and apply it consistently.

PART THREE: FACULTY SUPERVISOR REFERENCE LETTER

Please have your faculty mentor write a letter of recommendation. ***The faculty recommendation letter should be sent directly by the faculty mentor to Dr. Christi Cook via email (christi.cook@uta.edu).***

EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Note: You may be entitled to know what information UT Arlington collects concerning you. You may review and have UTA correct this information according to procedures set forth in UT System BPM #32. The law is found in sections 552.021, 552.023 and 559.004 of the Texas Government Code. I understand that the Honors College will use my student records as stored in the computerized student records system to review my academic career, including courses taken, grades received, and GPA.

SIGNATURES

Student: _____ Date: _____

I have read this research proposal and believe the proposed research is both feasible and worthwhile. I am a full-time instructor or tenured/tenure-track faculty member at UT Arlington and will be on-campus and/or local during the summer 11-week session.

This research (choose one):

☒ is student-proposed and separate from my own
☐ contributes to my ongoing research

Faculty Mentor: _____ Date: _____