

# **Summer Time for the Advancement in Research (S.T.A.R.) Employment Call for Proposals**

Department of Communication & Journalism  
Texas A&M University

## **OVERVIEW**

The Department of Communication & Journalism S.T.A.R. program aims to advance graduate student progress by encouraging timely graduation of doctoral students. To achieve this goal, S.T.A.R. employment offers recipients three months of summer employment (a total of \$6,666.66) and structured mentoring for concentrated research writing and related activities. Students receiving this honor must make a full-time commitment to dissertation research and/or writing during the summer, providing bi-weekly progress reports to the Director of Graduate Studies and advisor. The expectation is that the dissertation research will be completed within one year of S.T.A.R. program completion. The Department of Communication & Journalism will typically grant up to two S.T.A.R. employment offers, depending on funding availability and competitiveness of proposals. Each will be awarded on a competitive basis

**All application materials should be submitted as one PDF file (including letter of support) via email to Silvia Martinez ([smartinez1@tamu.edu](mailto:smartinez1@tamu.edu)) by March 24 @ 12:00 pm.**

*Late submissions will not be considered.*

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Applicants must have passed their preliminary examination at the time of nomination.
- Preference may be given to those who have successfully defended a dissertation proposal at the time of nomination.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants should submit the following items:

- 1 page single-spaced dissertation research statement. Statement should describe focus, projected scholarly/practical contribution of dissertation, potential impact of S.T.A.R. employment, and estimated timeline of completion.
- Current CV (no longer than 3 pages)
- Letter of support from advisor/committee chair speaking to significance of dissertation project, value of award for the timely completion of the project, and feasibility of plan.

## **REVIEW CRITERIA**

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Significance of the dissertation project.
- Progress toward/status of dissertation proposal (and oral defense).
- Impact of S.T.A.R. funding for the student's development of the project.
- Qualifications of the student to successfully defend the dissertation within 1 year of award.
- Professional presentation, completeness, and clarity of submitted application.