



## The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) Graduate Scholars Research Awards



### ABOUT

The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) brings together a diverse set of interdisciplinary scholars across UT's colleges and schools whose research and practice examine and address inequities that impact education and health. Our mission is to support and conduct high-quality applied research, disseminate evidence-based information, and train future professionals regarding the nature, origins, contexts, effects, and elimination of inequities in education and health. We have a commitment to ensuring scientific equity, or a focus on equity at the core of all aspects of the research process. Scientific equity calls for increased representation, accountability, and engagement for the sake of producing research that is meaningful and impactful to diverse communities and particularly those who have been historically excluded in science. Scientific equity is consistent with and compliments the methodological rigor and prevention science principles that are integral components of TexCEP.

### GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

Two grants (one at the master's level and one at the doctoral level) will be awarded to graduate research projects that address health and/or education inequities using a scientific equity approach.

**Eligibility:** Any graduate student at UT Austin is eligible to apply. Students must be TexCEP student affiliates (applicants may complete the affiliate request at time of submission).

We will accept applications for current research projects at any stage. Priority will be given to projects currently conducting data collection or analysis. Only research projects that have been approved by the student's primary mentor will be considered. Research projects that have already been completed are not eligible.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A proposal that includes the following:
  - a. Project Title
  - b. 1-page description of research project (e.g., the study aims, significance, and research strategy)
  - c. An additional paragraph describing how the research addresses health and/or education equity
  - d. A timeline of study activities
  - e. References
  - f. Budget

Proposals should follow NIH formatting specifications of 0.5" margins, Arial, 11-point font, single spaced.

2. Biosketch or CV

3. Letter of support from a faculty member confirming that the research project is approved by the student's mentor/committee and is being currently conducted.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

We seek proposals that address health and/or education inequities and that apply a scientific equity approach. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with our [equity-centered guidelines](#) for research. Projects will be assessed based on alignment with [TexCEP mission and vision](#). We are particularly interested in projects that support first-generation students and that are interdisciplinary and collaborative. Each proposal will be reviewed by TexCEP administrators and affiliated faculty.

### **FUNDS**

An account for project related expenses will be set up in the faculty mentor's name within TexCEP. Doctoral level projects will be funded up to \$1000, and master's level projects will be funded up to \$500. The funds will be available until July 31, 2024.

### **TIMELINE**

Submit all materials via this [link](#) no later than **11:59pm (CST) on November 27, 2023**.

Students will be notified about the application decision by **December 15, 2023**.

Questions may be directed to [TexCEP@utexas.edu](mailto:TexCEP@utexas.edu).