



Road to PhD Graduate Scholars Program Application The Graduate and Professional School (TGPS)

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Name: _____

Classification: Doctoral (Road)

- Qualifications Checklist
- Completed Program Application
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Unofficial copy of transcript(s)



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The Road to PhD graduate scholars' program aims to promote and nurture a culture of excellence in learning, and research, and provide an opportunity for academic success and professional development within graduate education by focusing on students pursuing a doctoral degree.

The program provides students with intensive training consisting of professional development opportunities, academic success workshops and seminars, and mentoring experiences that strengthen the graduate school experience and facilitate a smooth adjustment to the rigors of graduate education.

To apply, please complete and submit your application to The Graduate and Professional School.

Submit to:

Falguni Mukherjee,
Associate Dean for Graduate Student Success
Fsm002@shsu.edu
936.294.2374

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
FALL 2026 APPLICATIONS: MONDAY, MAY 4



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QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

Those interested must meet the following qualifications for consideration:

- Have been accepted into a doctoral program at SHSU or are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at SHSU.
- Hold a 3.00 minimum grade point average

I certify that I meet the qualifications stated above and I further grant permission to TGPS staff to access any of my educational records.

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE



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PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME:

SAM ID:

SHSU EMAIL:

DEGREE PROGRAM: _____

CONCENTRATION/TRACK: _____

DATE DEGREE EXPECTED: ____/____/____

OVERALL GPA: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ROAD TO PHD GRADUATE SCHOLARS' PROGRAM?

- The Graduate and Professional School's Website
- Social Media
- Email
- Flyer
- Referral (List referral: _____)
- Other (Explain: _____)



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following question in 500-750 words. You may attach your typed statement to the application.

- The Road to PhD Graduate Scholars program offers valuable mentorship, professional development workshops, and a range of academic support resources. How do you envision these opportunities contributing to your success throughout your doctoral journey and ultimately help you achieve your career and professional goals? Additionally, what contributions would you make to the Road to PhD Graduate Scholars' program?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

To help TGPS staff evaluate your application, you are required to submit two letters of recommendation from your graduate program advisor, a teacher/professor, or supervisor. Please do not submit a letter of recommendation from a relative or another student. The letter of recommendation must address your potential to succeed at the university graduate student level.



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SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Select all statements that apply to you:

- My biggest motivation for obtaining a graduate degree is a job promotion.
- My biggest motivation for being here is that I am looking for a change in career path.
- My biggest motivation for being here is because I am an SHSU alumni.
- My biggest motivation for being here is to work with a specific faculty mentor.
- My life is currently in transition, and I have been recently (within the last year) laid off from a job.
- I have not decided on a career objective; I just know that a graduate degree may help me find a job.
- I can't visualize what I will be doing in five years.
- I work 30-40 hours a week and will be a full-time college student.
- I need to work part-time, but I will mostly be a full-time student.
- I will hopefully take all my classes online so that I may continue to work full-time.
- I will commute to campus for class, so The Woodlands campus would be more convenient for me.



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Consent to Release & Services Contract

I understand that The Graduate and Professional School (TGPS), needs access to my financial, personal, and academic information to provide the best possible support for me at Sam Houston State University. Therefore, I agree to release such information to TGPS staff members. I further understand that all released material will remain confidential. Academic information will be shared with faculty and university departments only as necessary.

I hereby give TGPS permission to obtain information regarding my financial and academic status, and to include progress reports from course instructors. I grant permission for TGPS staff to access my academic information for the purpose of evaluating my application.

I agree to allow my name and/or picture to be printed in any Graduate and Professional School newsletter, publication, or display in recognition of academic success, leadership, or degree completion.

I agree that data received from participation in surveys, evaluations, seminars, workshops and educational modules may be used for evaluative and research purposes for The Graduate and Professional School and collaborating with SHSU departments.

I agree to meet the following criteria while in the Road to PhD Graduate Scholars’ program:

- I agree to maintain contact with TGPS staff throughout the year.
- I agree to utilize all the services that Road to PhD Graduate Scholars’ Scholars Program provides.
- I agree to fulfill all program requirements for Road to PhD
- I agree to inform TGPS staff about any changes in my legal name, address, phone number, email address, and/or other identifiable information.

I agree to the following borrowing policy:

- I promise that I will not attempt to sell or dispose of Road to PhD Graduate Scholars program’s property
- I will return all property to The Graduate and Professional School by the last day of the semester.
- By signing this contract, I accept full responsibility for the return of all borrowed property upon the completion of final exams and give TGPS the necessary authority to take punitive action against me to recover these and other borrowed items.

I understand and agree to each of the above privileges and responsibilities.

By signing, I certify that I have read and understand all the information on this page. I can give such consent and do so voluntarily.

Student Name

Sam ID #

Student Signature

Date



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Release of Information Authorization

I authorize Sam Houston State University to share all required and requested information with the Graduate and Professional School.

I authorize Sam Houston State University *Financial Aid Office* to release my financial information for the academic year to TGPS. This information will be used to verify financial eligibility for the Road to PhD Graduate Scholars Program.

Printed Name

Signature

Sam ID Number

Date