

CAMPUS LIFE AND RESOURCES

Academy for Future Faculty

The Academy for Future Faculty (AFF) (<https://cte.tamu.edu/prepare-future-faculty/academy-for-future-faculty/>) – one of several Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL@TAMU) programs – provides professional development in teaching for graduate students preparing for a career in higher education. Anchored by faculty mentorship and featuring weekly seminars and workshops, AFF events are free and open to all graduate students and post-doctoral trainees in the Texas A&M University academic community. Participants may choose to attend selected events or to complete all requirements for the Academy for Future Faculty Fellow certificate, which also qualifies the student for a CIRTL Associate certificate. Participants have the option to complete the Academy for Future Faculty Fellow Certificate Program in one or two semesters, or even over two academic years.

While AFF serves as a supplement to research-oriented programs by assisting graduate students with the teaching component of their career preparation, it is not teaching assistant training *per se*. Instead, AFF provides broader benefits applicable to all graduate students, whether currently teaching or preparing for teaching in the future. These benefits include:

- Opportunities to learn from professors known for excellence in teaching.
- Mentorship in teaching in higher education environments.
- Career paths exploration.
- Professional documents and teaching portfolio development for use in the academic job search.
- Networking connections with peers, faculty, and staff.
- Opportunities to earn the CIRTL Associate and AFF Senior Fellow certificates.
- Opportunities for advanced professional development as an AFF Fellow.

The Academy for Future Faculty is co-sponsored by the Graduate and Professional School (<https://grad.tamu.edu/>) and the Center for Teaching Excellence (<https://cte.tamu.edu/>). Interested graduate students are encouraged to visit the Academy for Future Faculty website (<https://cte.tamu.edu/prepare-future-faculty/academy-for-future-faculty/>) or find us on Facebook.

Off Campus Student Services

The Bryan-College Station community offers a variety of options for living off campus. Student Life provides resources and information to students preparing to or currently living off campus. Students are encouraged to stay informed about best practices for living off campus, whether you are new to living off campus or continuing off campus. Three key areas for living off campus include:

- Being a good Neighbor means staying informed and complying with city rules and community standards. Frequent city code violations include:
 - "No More than 4" - Per city ordinance, no more than four unrelated individuals can reside in a single-family home (https://library.municode.com/tx/college_station/codes/code_of_ordinances/?

nodeId=SPBLADEOR_APXAUNDEOR_ART11DE). So, remember me +3 before you sign a lease.

- Noise - Community ordinances are clear that it is unlawful for anyone to engage in "loud noise" that, because of its volume level, duration, or character, annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace, or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities within the limits of the city, especially during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Trash - After collecting trash, tenants have 12 hours to remove the sanitation container from the street.
- Parking - Not following parking rules could result in a parking violation or an emergency vehicle being unable to access someone in need. Do your part in being a good neighbor and ensure you know parking guidelines.
- Searching for Housing: There are plenty of options to live in the Bryan/College Station community. AggieSearch is a fully searchable database that allows students, parents, faculty, staff and guests to find off-campus housing that meets their needs. Visit <https://aggiesearch.tamu.edu/> to learn more.
- Leasing 101: Securing your new place in Aggieland means signing a lease. Reading and understanding the lease is critical before signing a lease. Leases are legally binding in Texas, and there are minimal means to get out of the lease. Remember these key tips before signing a lease:
 - Read everything.
 - All requests should be put in writing.
 - Keep a copy of everything.
 - Don't be afraid to ask questions.

To learn more about off-campus living, visit: <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/ocss/>

Becky Gates Children's Center

<http://bgcc.tamu.edu>

The Becky Gates Children's Center (BGCC) is a licensed and accredited early childhood program at Texas A&M University. BGCC serves the children of Texas A&M University faculty, students, and staff and collaborates with Texas A&M University and BCS communities. BGCC is licensed for 200 children ages 12 months - 6 years, and is open M-F, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., year-round. During the months of June and July BGCC serves school-age children in the Summer School Age Program.

The Becky Gates Children's Center philosophy aligns with the HighScope Curriculum. BGCC believes children learn best through active participatory play to construct their knowledge. Active learning is at the core of adult-child interactions, the learning environment, daily routines, and observational assessment. BGCC supports children's play, uses encouragement, uses a problem-solving approach, and forms authentic relationships with all children.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please visit our website, read the Family Handbook, and complete the waitlist application.

BGCC additionally serves as a support location for Texas A&M University students and faculty for educational and professional goals. We work closely with different academic departments to provide educational opportunities and experiences for students. This includes observations, practicums, internships, research, projects, and field experiences. If research falls under the jurisdiction of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Subjects Research we will notify families of the

research and IRB approval number. If you are interested in partnering with the Becky Gates Children's Center, please contact the Director at eritter@bgcc.tamu.edu.

Center for Teaching Excellence

Established in 1983, the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) (<http://cte.tamu.edu/>) supports the University's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. CTE offers consultation and support services to faculty, postdoctoral scholars, graduate students, and staff. Specifically, CTE offers a wide range of programs supporting professional development in teaching for graduate students. Center for Teaching Excellence programs are appropriate for domestic and international graduate students who are:

- serving as teaching assistants within their departments;
- preparing for a career in higher education or industry;
- seeking to improve their public speaking and classroom communication skills;
- seeking to explore classroom instruction practices; and
- seeking to gain mentorship in the areas of teaching and learning.

Graduate students have the option to participate in a variety of program formats including workshops, learning communities, teaching academies, teaching conferences, online asynchronous modules, and individual consultation. CTE works collaboratively with colleges/schools, departments, and service organizations across campus to provide continuity of service in support of the University's mission. Programs provided include, but are not limited to, the following: Teaching Assistant Institute (TAI); Academy for Future Faculty (AFF); Graduate Teaching Consultant (GTC); and English Language Proficiency Instruction (CTE-ELP).

Graduate student resources can be found on the Center for Teaching Excellence website (<http://cte.tamu.edu/>). To learn more about how the CTE can be of service, contact cte@tamu.edu.

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning

The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) (<http://cirtl.tamu.edu/>) is a national network of 45 universities and colleges focused on enhancing excellence in undergraduate education through the development of a national faculty committed to implementing and advancing effective teaching practices for a variety of learners as part of successful and varied professional careers.

As a founding member of the CIRTL network, CIRTL@TAMU works collaboratively with the Graduate and Professional School, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the academic colleges/schools to offer a range of local and national teaching and learning opportunities for graduate and professional students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty throughout the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). These opportunities help participants learn best practices in teaching, as well as apply the principles of teaching as research, in a supportive context of one or more local learning communities that are infused with the pillars of CIRTL: Learning-through-Diversity, Learning Community, and Teaching as Research. Participants who engage with the network can earn CIRTL certification at the Associate, Practitioner, and Scholar levels.

More information about CIRTL and opportunities to get involved can be found on the on the CIRTL@TAMU website (<http://cirtl.tamu.edu/>).

Corps of Cadets, Office of the Commandant

<http://corps.tamu.edu/>

- The Office of the Commandant is responsible for the development and execution of all programs affiliated with the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. The Army, Navy/Marine and Air Force ROTC program offices are also facilitated within the Office of the Commandant.
- The Office of the Commandant is located in Room 102 of the Military Sciences Building (Trigon) on campus; phone (979) 845-2811.

Aggie Dining

dining.tamu.edu (<https://dineoncampus.com/tamu/>) | @AggieDining (<https://qrco.de/bcmPal/>)

- By cooking with heart and serving with kindness, the dining program at Texas A&M is like no other! With over 50 dining locations across more than 5,000-acres, you can explore a new menu every day! Our 3 all-you-care-to-eat dining halls offer diverse, made-from-scratch meals with vibrant, global flavors that meet your homecooked expectations. Aggie Dining also offers a variety of retail dining locations – from favorite national brands like Chick-fil-A and Starbucks, to Aggieland favorites like Copperhead Jack's, Rev's American Grill, and Houston Street Subs! For a full map of Aggie Dining locations, visit their website here. (<https://dineoncampus.com/tamu/campus-map/>)
- Budget and save while dining on campus with a campus Meal Plan! Aggie Dining offers a variety of Meal Plan sizes and options to fit every student's lifestyle. Students living both on and off campus can sign up for a campus Meal Plan by visiting <https://mealplans.tamu.edu/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2F>. To learn more about Meal Plans and how they work, please visit Aggie Dining's website – dining.tamu.edu (<https://dineoncampus.com/tamu/>).

Disability Resources

<http://disability.tamu.edu>

- Collaborates with faculty, staff and students to achieve access for students with disabilities.
- Interacts with students to determine reasonable accommodations to remove barriers.
- Facilitates accommodations including (but not limited to): exam accommodations, sign language interpreting and transcription, assistive technology, and classroom accommodations.
- Consults with all campus entities on providing access for disabled students.

Doctoral Student Profile and Feedback System

The Doctoral Student Profile and Feedback System is an easy-to-use platform intended to support the regular review of the academic performance of doctoral students at Texas A&M University. The system provides a single source for students to view their academic progress, create custom curricula vitae and biosketches, and receive feedback from their faculty advisors. Faculty and staff administrators can use the system to collect data about their program and manage the workflow of review and feedback.

The system allows students to keep track of progress toward their degree, including information about courses taken, teaching, professional development activities, and scholarly productivity. Much of this information will be automatically imported from other campus databases, reducing the amount of work that students need to do to stay current. Students can use their profile information to create documents suitable for employment or fellowship applications. For faculty, this system provides a simple interface to track the progress of students whom they supervise. For administrators, the system allows simple access to a wealth of information about the activities of students in their program and helps streamline reporting processes.

The system is customizable by departments and programs. It is designed to integrate and simplify existing feedback processes or to encourage units to begin regular evaluations. The Graduate and Professional School will provide support and training for departments and programs as they implement the system.

More on the system, including instructions for users, can be found on the Graduate and Professional School website's Doctoral Student Profile and Feedback System page (<https://grad.tamu.edu/knowledge-center/grad-student-resources/doctoral-profile-and-feedback-system/>). The implementation team can be reached at DoctoralProfile@tamu.edu (doctoralprofile@tamu.edu).

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

<http://bush41.org/>

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University is dedicated to preserving and making available the records and artifacts of George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States.

We promote civic literacy and increased historical understanding of our national experience, and foster a community of public service and volunteerism. We accomplish this mission by offering:

- Rich Educational and Public Programs
- Original Museum Exhibits
- Access to our Archival Holdings
- Research Opportunities
- Special Events
- Unique Volunteer and Internship Positions
- Foundation Memberships

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum can be found online at <http://bush41.org/> and is located at 1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, Texas 77845. For additional information on the resources the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum have to offer please call (979) 691-4000 for all Museum inquiries or (979) 862-2251 for all Foundation or Membership inquiries.

GRAD Aggies Professional Development Program

Graduate Resources and Development for Aggies (GRAD Aggies (<https://grad.tamu.edu/academics/professional-development/grad-aggies/>)) is a collaborative effort of several university-level academic support units providing professional development workshops, seminars, training events, and online resources open to all graduate and professional

students. Facilitated by the Graduate and Professional School, GRAD Aggies programming addresses six skill areas:

- research and academics
- personal wellbeing
- instruction and assessment
- communication
- leadership
- career development

These programs are designed to promote deeper engagement for students and provide “transferable skills” not addressed directly in discipline-based coursework that employers cite as essential to applicants’ competitiveness.

The GRAD Aggies Professional Development Certificate Program offers students the opportunity to spotlight their effort in professional development and enhance their *curriculum vitae* or resume. The program offers several levels of certificates, all at no cost to the student. All GRAD Aggies events are listed on the GRAD Aggies Calendar and earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) that accumulate to reach the desired certificate level. For more details on the GRAD Aggies Certificate Program, please visit the program website (<https://grad.tamu.edu/academics/professional-development/grad-aggies/>). Ongoing professional development activities are spotlighted in the monthly Graduate and Professional School e-newsletter, “News from Nagle.”

In addition to the GRAD Aggies Calendar, the Graduate and Professional School also facilitates the Professional Development (PD) Directory (<https://grad.tamu.edu/professional-development/professional-development-directory/>), an online repository of professional development opportunities facilitated by departments, colleges, and other university units which are open to graduate and professional students. The GRAD Aggies Calendar and PD Directory enable quick searching of opportunities across campus.

Graduate and Professional Student Government

<http://gpsg.tamu.edu> (<https://gpsg.tamu.edu/>)

The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) works in cooperation with the Texas A&M University administration, faculty, and student leaders to advocate for graduate and professional students and to ensure their needs are understood and considered when making campus policies concerning academic excellence, tuition and fees, and research are made.

Specific goals of the GPSG are:

- to serve as the voice of and represent all graduate and professional students of Texas A&M.
- to identify, share, and discuss issues pertinent to graduate and professional students in order to maintain academic freedom; improve the quality of instruction; develop and strengthen recruitment and retention programs; encourage training, fair compensation, and benefits; and ensure that quality student services are made available.
- to be recognized as representing a unique population of Texas A&M University.

- to establish and maintain open and effective communication with the university and its constituents.
- to establish and maintain open and effective communication among the graduate and professional student body on issues that affect its members.
- to serve as an outreach venue for graduate and professional students by providing opportunities for social interaction and service to the local community.

Voting delegates will represent their respective colleges at biweekly senate meetings. All graduate and professional students are invited to attend these meetings. President and officer elections are held in the spring. GPSG also works closely with the Student Government Association to ensure graduate and professional student issues are represented and addressed through student legislation and on university committees. Additional information is available on the GPSG website at <https://gpsg.tamu.edu/>.

Graduate Mentoring Academy

The goal of the Graduate Mentoring Academy (GMA) is to improve the graduate mentoring experiences of our students and increase our mentoring capacity as an institution. The target audiences for the academy are graduate and professional students, faculty, and staff. The Graduate Mentoring Academy is administered by the Graduate and Professional School at Texas A&M University.

The Graduate Mentoring Academy is a parallel to the Faculty Mentoring Academy (FMA) and uses the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER) resources which includes seven evidence-based mentorship competencies. These Graduate and Professional School activities, along with efforts from the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the Division of Research, work to create a culture of mentoring across our institution.

GMA workshops are offered in both face-to-face and virtual formats so that all seven competencies can be accessed regardless of location over the course of the year. Workshops are formatted in a learner-centered and engaging format that include case studies, discussion opportunities, and reflection activities. Break-out groups are used in the sessions to ensure every group of students, faculty, and staff receives appropriate and differentiated activities and instruction. Students, faculty, and staff can expect to increase their mentoring competence and skills so that they can be better mentors and mentees to others.

Students, faculty, and staff who complete all seven competencies will earn the designation of Graduate Mentoring Academy Fellow, receiving a certificate and a door placard. Graduate Mentoring Academy Fellows will also have the opportunity to gain additional professional development experience to become a Graduate Mentoring Academy Workshop Facilitator. Graduate and professional students who engage in the Graduate Mentoring Academy may also earn credit towards GRAD Aggies certificates.

For more information please visit the Graduate Mentoring Academy website (<http://tx.ag/TAMUGMregister/>) or contact gradmentoring@tamu.edu.

Health Promotion

<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp>

Health Promotion empowers all Aggies to embrace a culture of holistic well-being that fosters their academic, personal, and professional success.

- Provides educational health information and consultation
 - Alcohol and other drugs, nutrition, interpersonal violence prevention, reproductive health, sexual health, stress management, etc.
- Presentations available upon request
- Offers GreenDot Bystander Intervention Training
- Offers Stand UP Training on trauma informed care
- Offers Thriving with Resilience Workshop
- Peer health educator training and outreach
- Resource tables and interactive programming available for student events

To request a presentation on any of these topics, visit our website at <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/>

For presentations on Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program visit <http://greendot.tamu.edu> (<http://greendot.tamu.edu/>).

For presentations on Stand UP visit <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/standup/>.

For more information on Texas A&M's Step In Stand UP Campaign visit <http://stepinstandup.tamu.edu> (<http://stepinstandup.tamu.edu/>).

International Student and Scholar Services

<https://global.tamu.edu/iss/>

International Student and Scholar Services provides the following support services to international students (defined as students who are not U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents):

- Pre-arrival information
- Certificates of Eligibility (Forms I-20 and DS-2019)
- New Student Check-in and Resources
- Represent the University with the Department of Homeland Security, including the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and the Department of State
- Assist students with federal immigration regulation compliance
- Immigration advising
- Liaison for students, university, and community
- International student employment information
- Workshops about immigration benefits
- Provide tax software and resources
- Coordinate with the Texas A&M University System Student Health Insurance Plan provider and students
- Community involvement activities
- Acts as a liaison between the University, sponsors, and sponsored students
- Post-graduation employment support

MSC Programs

<http://mscprograms.tamu.edu>

- MSC Programs engages students in campus programs and service opportunities that prepare them to be global leaders. To this end, we provide academic, entertainment, arts, political, and cultural awareness programs that enrich the Aggie experience. Our programming and service opportunities provide next level professional, personal, and practical engagement that supports experiential learning and skill development in the areas of budgeting, communication, fund development, team development, program planning and logistics, meeting facilitation, public speaking, and technical skills such as running sound for a concert or installing an art exhibit.
- Our programs represent a wide variety of interests including student-curated art exhibitions in the MSC Reynolds Gallery, weekly concerts, service events, free film screenings, and the hosting of world-renowned speakers to discuss current events, national affairs, and other relevant topics of today. MSC Signature Events include the annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, MSC Open House, MSC Student Conference On National Affairs, MSC Student Conference On Latinx Affairs, MSC Spencer Leadership Conference, MSC Wiley Lecture Series, and Kyle Field Day, among others.
- The MSC Box Office, located in Rudder Tower, also offers ticketing services for student organizations, campus, and community events and programs.

Department of Multicultural Services

<http://dms.tamu.edu>

The Department of Multicultural Services fosters authentic and meaningful student connections to campus through active, intentional, and ongoing engagement and development. The department has a mission to provide developmental experiences to cultivate meaningful engagement, foster a culture where students can thrive, and develop students' capacities to work productively and collaboratively with others in preparation for an increasingly complex world. DMS connects students to and engages students while on campus with the intent to enhance their overall educational experience.

Located in the Memorial Student Center (MSC), DMS helps meet student transition, connection, communication, collaborative teamwork, and career preparedness needs which all work together to aid in student retention, persistence, graduation, and successful transition into their professional roles. The department maintains a welcoming and engaging environment for all students.

Recreational Sports

<http://recsports.tamu.edu>

- All currently enrolled Texas A&M students (with some exceptions) are automatically Rec members. All you need is your student ID to utilize the Student Recreation Center, Polo Road Rec Center, Southside Rec Center, Penberthy Rec Sports Complex, and other Rec Sports facilities. Guest passes for visitors are available for purchase. Persons with disabilities are invited to contact Member Services to inquire about accommodations. We encourage individuals to download the Rec Sports app from the Apple App Store and Google Play.
- The Student Recreation Center is Texas A&M Rec Sports' flagship facility. With more than 500,000 square feet of recreation space, the facility offers a variety of areas including an extensive strength and conditioning room, indoor walking/jogging track, handball/racquetball courts, and indoor courts for soccer, basketball, volleyball, and badminton. It also offers an indoor rock climbing facility, bouldering wall, outdoor basketball and sand volleyball courts, dance/activity rooms, free day-use lockers, locker rooms, and a world-class natatorium featuring a dive pool, lap pool, instructional pool, and the Cain outdoor pool. Facilities may be used on a drop-in basis except when reserved for classes or university functions.
- The Southside Rec Center, located on Bizzell Street adjacent to the Texas A&M Golf Club and across from the Southside Residence Halls, is approximately 60,000 square feet of indoor recreational space with an additional 15,000 square feet of outdoor space. It features strength and conditioning areas, fitness room, multi-purpose courts, a bouldering wall, outdoor sand volleyball courts, a large outdoor turf area, free day-use lockers, and locker rooms.
- The Polo Road Rec Center, located on Polo Road near University Drive, is approximately 28,000 square feet with a large strength and conditioning space that includes an indoor turf area, a multipurpose room for group fitness classes, free day-use lockers, and locker rooms.
- The Penberthy Rec Sports Complex, located on both sides of George Bush Drive, features artificial turf playing fields, natural grass fields, softball fields, a covered pavilion, and equipment checkout.
- Rec Sports also offers aquatics classes, group exercise and specialty classes, boot camps, personal and small group training, intramural sports, sport clubs, and outdoor adventures.

Department of Residence Life

<http://reslife.tamu.edu/>

- Responsible for the operation of on-campus residence halls and University Apartments (White Creek and Gardens Apartments). Summer occupancy of on-campus residence halls is open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- University Apartment units (<http://reslife.tamu.edu/apartments> (<http://reslife.tamu.edu/apartments/>)) are available for graduate students, students with dependent children, veterans, international students, married students or single undergraduate students without children who are sophomores, juniors, seniors or non-traditional freshmen (The Gardens).

Student Activities

<http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/> (<http://aggieserve.tamu.edu/>)

The Department of Student Activities fosters and supports leadership, learning, and involvement opportunities that enhance the growth and development of students and recognized student organizations. At Texas A&M, we care about helping Aggies develop in ways, both in and out of the classroom, that will prepare them for life beyond Aggieland. In doing so, Student Activities offers opportunities to lead, serve, participate in campus traditions, represent student voice, and make an impact at Texas A&M. The perks of getting involved on campus range from reaching your leadership potential, to networking with administrators and potential employers, to forming lasting friendships.

Student Assistance Services

<http://sas.tamu.edu>

- Referrals/Resource Connections such as:
 - Personal
 - Academic
 - Community

- Liaison with foster care alumni
- Student absence notification
- Assistance in coordinating family needs in the event of an emergency
- Transition issues
- General consultation:
 - University rules
 - Process
 - Faculty concerns

Student Conduct Office

<https://studentconduct.tamu.edu>

The Student Conduct Office encourages the development and well-being of all students. This is accomplished by promoting reflection, fostering accountability, and educating students and campus partners on individual rights and responsibilities within the university community.

The Student Conduct Office offers educational presentations and workshops, including the Ethics and Decision Making Workshop (<https://studentconduct.tamu.edu/edm/>) and hazing prevention and education programs (<https://studentconduct.tamu.edu/stophazing/>), in addition to responding to cases of alleged student rule violations and referring students to appropriate resources.

The staff in the Student Conduct Office are available for consultation on conflict resolution and student behavioral concerns. Staff are also available for presentations upon request.

Student Legal Services

<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/sls>

- Notary Public
- Legal advice and counseling for Texas A&M students

Student Life

<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/>

- Student Life strives to enhance your opportunities as a student to participate fully in the university experience. We do this by providing students with information, services, programs, and involvement opportunities that facilitate responsible life choices and promote awareness of themselves and their community. Each of the program areas within Student Life has a specific mission, but one common goal: to provide education, outreach, and support to you.
- Specific services and programs offered include:
 - Graduate and Professional Student Government
 - Health Promotion (Alcohol and other Drugs, Interpersonal Violence Prevention, and Wellness)
 - New Student and Family Programs
 - Off Campus Student Services
 - Student Assistance Services
 - Student Legal Services
 - Student Media (*The Battalion* and *Aggieland* yearbook)
 - Women's Support Services

Student Media

<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/studentmedia> (<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/studentmedia/>)

- Student Media produces national, award-winning publications: *The Battalion*, the *Aggieland* yearbook and the *Maroon Life* magazine. All three are written, edited and produced by students and offer excellent opportunities to gain valuable experience for journalistic and related careers.
- *The Battalion*, Texas A&M's student newspaper since 1893, typically is printed weekly on Thursdays during the fall and spring and every other week during the summer sessions. Around finals and holidays, the delivery days may be changed. It is distributed to students, faculty and staff on campus and at many apartments and other high traffic areas in College Station. *The Battalion* is also available online and on mobile devices at [thebatt.com](http://www.thebatt.com/). (<http://www.thebatt.com/>)
- *Aggieland*, which dates back to 1895, is distributed in the fall but is a year-round project documenting school activities. It is one of the nation's largest college yearbooks.
- *Maroon Life* is published five times during the school year with New Students' Guide to Aggieland (distributed at New Student Conferences), Fall Sports Preview, Best of Aggieland (winter distribution), Spring Sports Preview and Housing Guide (Family Weekend) editions.

Technology Resources

<http://IT.tamu.edu>

Technology Services provides reliable and accessible IT services to elevate and enhance your time at Texas A&M University.

The following resources are available to undergraduate and graduate students:

- Wireless Internet (TAMU_WiFi (<https://it.tamu.edu/services/network-and-internet-access/wireless-connections/tamu-wifi/>))
- Zoom (tamu.zoom.us (<https://tamu.zoom.us/>))
- Google Apps for Education (it.tamu.edu/google (<https://it.tamu.edu/google/>))
- Microsoft 365 (it.tamu.edu/microsoft-365 (<https://it.tamu.edu/microsoft-365/>))
- 24-Hour Technical Support (Help Desk Central (<https://it.tamu.edu/help/>))
- Campus Computer Labs (Open Access Labs (<http://oal.tamu.edu/>))
- Learning Management System (Canvas (<https://it.tamu.edu/services/academics-and-research/teaching-and-learning-tools/canvas/><https://it.tamu.edu/services/academics-and-research/teaching-and-learning-tools/canvas/>))
- Discounted Software (software.tamu.edu (<http://software.tamu.edu/>))

Graduate Student Resources:

- High Performance Research Computing (<https://hprc.tamu.edu/>)

Transportation Services

Transit

The university operates an on- and off-campus transit system that can be used by anyone on campus, fare-free. The off-campus transit system serves most of the major apartment complexes and housing areas in College Station, as well as the Blinn College Campus and RELLIS Campus.

All transit services are included in student registration fees and do not require a bus pass, however, passengers are required to present their Texas A&M, Blinn, or Brazos Transit District (BTD) ID when boarding at off-campus stops. Members of the general public possessing a Brazos Transit District ID may ride both on- and off-campus bus routes. In addition, students may ride The District (<http://btd.org/>) buses fare-free by showing their IDs upon entering the bus. For BTD bus route information, visit <http://btd.org> (<http://btd.org/>).

For updates about transit routes, subscribe to the RSS feed at <http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/faqpermit.aspx> or follow @aggiespiritbus (<http://twitter.com/aggiespiritbus/>) on Twitter. For transit information, including maps and leave times, visit <https://m.tamu.edu>.

Parking

Those who choose to bring a vehicle to campus are required to purchase a parking assignment (virtual permit) or pay-by-the-hour to park in designated visitor areas. (Download the Parkmobile app, available on the AppStore, Google Play, or Windows Store, or those without a smartphone may use the mobile web app at <https://parkmobile.io/>.) See also Optional Campus Services (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/tuition-fees-financial-information/optional-campus-services/>).

Parking is at a premium on Texas A&M's campus; MOST customers are not assigned their first choice for parking. Often the available parking may not be immediately adjacent to your building or facility. Students may register for parking at <https://transport.tamu.edu/parking/faqpermit.aspx> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/faqpermit.aspx>) or sign up for the wait lists at <http://transport.tamu.edu/account> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/account/>). To get the best parking available, register online by the July 7 priority deadline.

For updates about parking, traffic, and construction, subscribe to the RSS feeds at <https://transport.tamu.edu/about/rss.aspx> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/about/rss.aspx>) or follow @aggieparking (<http://twitter.com/aggieparking/>) on Twitter or @TAMUtransportation (https://en-gb.facebook.com/tamtransportation/?ref=page_internal) on Facebook and Instagram.

For more information about parking or to view Parking Rules and Regulations, visit <http://transport.tamu.edu/parkingreg> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/parkingreg/>).

Bicycles

Bicycles are a great way to get to, from, and around campus. Bike services include the bike share program, bike lease program, borrow-a-bike, bike registration, summer bike storage, and maintenance stations.

For more information visit <http://transport.tamu.edu/bicycles> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/bicycles/>).

Alternatives

Don't have a car? There are plenty of alternatives, including carshare, rideshare, and break/weekend shuttles to major Texas cities. For more

alternative transportation options, visit <http://transport.tamu.edu/alternative> (<http://transport.tamu.edu/alternative/>).

University Center and Special Events (UCEN)

<http://ucenter.tamu.edu/>

- University Center and Special Events features a variety of special event and meeting spaces, as well as theatrical production spaces. Our venues are ideal for student, academic, administrative, corporate, social, non-profit and arts-related events. Our spaces include: the Memorial Student Center, Rudder Theatre Complex, J. Earl Rudder Tower, Koldus Building, All Faiths Chapel, and designated outdoor spaces including Aggie Park. We also provide services in any approved facility of your choosing.
- When it comes to planning events on campus, visit the University Center and Special Events office on the 2nd floor of Rudder Tower. Our staff can assist you with reservations in any of the UCEN facilities as well as help in all aspects of planning meetings, socials or conferences. The highly skilled staff arranges event set ups; provides and operates audio/visual equipment, electricity, lighting and event staging; and assists with many of the other support details that are essential to a successful event.

University Health Services

<https://uhs.tamu.edu> (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/>)

University Health Services empowers Texas A&M students through integrated care that supports their physical and mental health. As part of Texas A&M Health—the university's comprehensive health science center—our clinicians provide the highest level of care in medicine, counseling, psychology and emergency medical services that fosters students' academic, personal and professional success.

- Counseling and Mental Health Care
 - Individual, crisis, couple and group counseling
 - Mental health assessments
 - Learning disability/ADHD screenings
 - Alcohol and other drug services
 - Workshops
 - Self-help resources
 - Career counseling and exploration
 - HelpLine: after-hours peer support available 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 24 hours on weekends while classes are in session
 - TELUS Health Student Support app: (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/mental-health/student-support.html>) 24/7 access to professional counseling in multiple languages via phone or chat, all free and confidential
- Emergency Medical Services
 - Emergency response via 911 dispatch
 - Emergency personnel presence at events
- Prevention and Population Health (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/prevention-population-health/>)
 - Vaccine clinics
 - Suicide awareness and prevention
 - Outreach and educational programming
- Primary and Specialty Medical Care (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/medical/>)

- Clinics
 - Medical clinics
 - Specialty clinics
- Allied Health
 - Medical Laboratory
 - Pharmacy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Preventive Medicine
 - Radiology services
 - Registered Dietitian
- Additional Services
 - Ambulance service/EMS
 - Dial-A-Nurse: (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/medical/#dial-a-nurse>) after-hours nurse advice line for non-emergent health concerns
 - Health insurance information (<https://uhs.tamu.edu/medical/insurance.html>)
 - Referral coordination

University Libraries

<http://library.tamu.edu>

- Sterling C. Evans Library and Annex (<https://library.tamu.edu/about/directions/evans-library-annex.php>)
- Business Library and Collaboration Commons (<http://wcl.library.tamu.edu>) (BLCC)
- Medical Sciences Library (<http://msl.library.tamu.edu>) (MSL)
- Policy Sciences and Economics Library (<http://psel.library.tamu.edu>) (PSEL)
- Cushing Memorial Library and Archives (<http://cushing.library.tamu.edu>)

Don & Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource and Support Center

<http://aggieveterans.tamu.edu> (<http://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/>)

- The Veteran Resource and Support Center (VRSC) offers resources, services, and a dedicated space for military-affiliated students at Texas A&M. Our center features a lounge and kitchen, study spaces w/ innovative technology, and open access labs.
- Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach, Research and Resources (VALOR²) –Peer Aggie Veteran leaders engage with incoming and current student veterans to facilitate continuous, real-time feedback on experiences, and connect veterans with valuable programs and area resources to ensure individual Aggie Veteran success. <https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/valor/>
- Aggie Veteran Network – A private LinkedIn group that connects military-affiliated students (veterans, active duty, Reserve/ National Guard and dependents) with hundreds of resources and contacts. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13846895/>
- Office of Military Admissions – Military Admissions Counselors are housed in the VRSC to assist prospective and current student veterans with the admission process, academic concerns, military withdrawals/re-enrollments, and readmission paperwork. <https://admissions.tamu.edu/connect/contact->

[admissions/military-admissions \(https://admissions.tamu.edu/connect/contact-admissions/military-admissions/\)](https://admissions.tamu.edu/connect/contact-admissions/military-admissions/)

- VA On-Campus Partners
 - VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) – Connect with our campus VA VSOC Counselor for educational benefit and disability related inquiries and veteran readiness and employment program support. <https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/vsoc/>
 - VITAL Coordinator – Connect with our Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) coordinator for VA health services and benefit related inquiries, mental health support and connections for counseling and health resources. <https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/vital-2/>
- Academic and Student Life Support – Numerous programs and partnerships to connect students with academic assistance and student life resources to meet individual needs.
- Financial Assistance
 - Over 185 scholarship opportunities available to military-affiliated students. <https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/scholarships/>
 - In addition to scholarships, emergency funding is available for qualifying students through the Division of Student Affairs.
- Aggie Shields – Textbook lending library providing free textbook rental to veterans and other military affiliated students. <https://www.aggieshields.org/>
- Student Veterans of America at Texas A&M (SVA) – The official student organization for Aggie Veterans. Hosts regular opportunities for professional development, volunteerism, and engagement with other student veterans as part of the Aggie Veteran community. <https://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/sva/>
- VET+MAP – Veterans Evaluation of Talent + Matching Assistance Program (VET+MAP) utilizes the P2i process to help you discover your talents, define your values, discern your life-purpose, declare your ambitions, design your SMART-Goals, and develop your personal brand. Discover how to make your unique impact on the world.

Military Education Benefits (Scholarships & Financial Aid)

<https://aggie.tamu.edu>

- The Aggie One Stop assists eligible students and their dependents in securing federal and state veteran/military education benefits and other funding including scholarships and financial aid.

Vice President for Student Affairs

<http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/>

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (OVPSA) serves and supports 13 different departments within the Division of Student Affairs that are critically engaged in all aspects of students' lives and the delivery of key services and support. In alignment with the mission, values, and policies of Texas A&M University, the OVPSA promotes collaboration and coordinating efforts that affect the entire division, such as strategic planning, budgeting, staff and community development, research, assessment, fundraising, public relations, and technology.

Further, the OVPSA supports the division's community of talented and dedicated professionals who provide exceptional programs, services, and facilities that create a supportive campus environment where

students feel a sense of community and have the opportunity to develop as leaders. The OVPSA works to ensure that the division and its staff maintain a student-centered approach to engagement, learning, leadership development, and wellbeing, in order to instill a commitment to critical thinking, lifelong learning, and the Aggie Core Values amongst our 77,000+ students.

Women's Support Services

<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wss/>

Resources for Pregnant and Parenting Students

- **Student Rights and Campus Resources:** A list of frequently asked questions regarding the rights of pregnant and parenting students and some of the on-campus resources available to students.
- **Breastfeeding Welcomed Here:** A list of private, accessible spaces for nursing mothers to express their milk on campus. Locations can be found at <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wss/>.
- **The Little Aggie:** A resource guide for Aggie parents with information about local activities for children, information about local medical providers, and suggested questions for childcare providers.
- **Pre-Registration for Parenting Students:** Students who are the parent or legal guardian of a child under 18 years of age are eligible for pre-registration. Students must complete the self-certify form to be considered. <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wss/pregnant-parenting/>