

Summertime for Advancement in Research (S.T.A.R.)

Summer 2017

Department of Communication
Texas A & M University

Overview

The STAR program in the College of Liberal Arts, in partnership with the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, aims to advance graduate student quality and climate by increasing retention and encouraging timely graduation of graduate students. To achieve this goal, STAR awards offer recipients three months of summer of funding plus tuition and fees, as well as structured mentoring for concentrated research writing and related activities. Students receiving this award must make a full-time commitment to dissertation research and/or writing during the summer with the expectation that the dissertation research will be completed one year of STAR program completion.

The Department of Communication will be able to offer two STAR awards for the Summer 2017. Each will be awarded on a competitive basis.

All proposal materials should be submitted as one pdf file (including letter of support) via email to Silvia Martinez (smartinez1@tamu.edu) by Friday March 24th at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Late submissions will not be considered.

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 STAR award, and estimated timeline of completion.
- Current CV (no longer than 3 pages)
- Letter of support from advisor/committee chair

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Significance of the dissertation project.
- Impact of STAR funding for the student's development of the project.
- Qualifications of the student to successfully defend the dissertation within 1 year of the award.
- Professional presentation, completeness, and clarity of submitted application.