Why should you choose Texas State?

Texas State's campus sits on the edge of the Hill Country and overlooks San Marcos' historic town square and the picturesque San Marcos River. We're 50 miles north of San Antonio and 25 miles south of Austin, right in the heart of the Austin Metropolitan Area, one of the fastest-growing regions in the country.

From shops and restaurants to festivals and the great outdoors, San Marcos has earned the right to be known as "San Marvelous." In addition to parkland and hiking trails, our beautiful campus boasts a crystal-clear river that runs right through the center of it all.

In January 2012, Texas State joined the ranks of only seven other Texas public universities with the "Emerging Research University" designation. Graduate studies at Texas State University played a large role in this achievement due in part to:

- The quality and relevance of the doctoral programs
- A wide range of master’s programs
- The university’s research expenditures

The university is dedicated to the continual expansion of research through the addition of vital doctoral and master’s programs, state-of-the-art labs and facilities, and high-quality, research-driven faculty members. Becoming a member of the graduate community provides students with the advantage to work closely with faculty on exciting and groundbreaking research projects to solve compelling, real-world 21st-century problems.

How can you apply?

Step One: Submit Graduate College Requirements

In order to be considered for admission to any graduate-level program, applicants must submit the following items:

- ApplyTexas Application
- Non-refundable Application Fee of $90 US
- Official transcripts or mark sheets (with English translations when applicable)
- Copy of degree certificates of completion/diplomas (with English translations when applicable)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS test scores

Detailed information about these items can be found by visiting gradcollege.txstate.edu/intl_home/docs.

Step Two: Submit Program-specific Requirements

Program-specific requirements can be found by visiting the preferred program of study’s web page at gradcollege.txstate.edu/steps. The requirements may include, but are not limited to:

- GRE or GMAT scores
- Résumé /CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Essays
- Portfolio
- Letters of Reference or Recommendation Forms

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A welcoming atmosphere and a supportive environment provide you with a solid foundation on which to build your future.
What can you expect at Texas State?

Texas State University is a student-centered, comprehensive university with more than 1,300 full-time faculty, many of them award-winning scholars in their fields. Boasting a culturally diverse student body, Texas State has an enrollment of nearly 38,000 students, 48 percent of whom are ethnic minorities. With more than 4,000 graduate students in approximately 100 programs, The Graduate College offers educational preparation for a broad spectrum of careers. The distinguished faculty, nationally and internationally recognized graduate programs and commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship create a nurturing and engaging environment for graduate study.

Funding

At Texas State, graduate funding is available through competitive scholarships, fellowships and assistantships. The Graduate College awards:

- Graduate College and Celebrity Classic Scholarships to students with intellectual, creative and leadership promise.
- Thesis/Dissertation Research Support Fellowships for original graduate student research by compensating research-related expenses.
- Doctoral and Graduate Merit Fellowships to distinguished students through a faculty nomination process.
- Graduate student travel funds to support student travel to professional conferences when presenting research and creative projects, partially funding two requests per year.

The Graduate College also houses an external funding officer dedicated to helping students secure funding available outside the university for graduate study, thesis/dissertation research and other projects.

Students are encouraged to explore the additional funding opportunities, especially graduate, research and instructional assistantships offered within their college and/or academic department.

More information can be found by visiting: gradcollege.txstate.edu/Prospect_Students/Fin_Grad_Ed.

Professional Development

The Graduate College aims to provide training in skills that transcend disciplinary boundaries and challenge students intellectually while preparing them for leadership positions in academia and beyond.

- Graduate College Shop Talks are professional developmental workshops that provide presentations in key areas of the student’s “shop,” i.e., degree. Topics include strategies for efficient degree completion, research support and career planning support.
- The Annual International Research Conference for Graduate Students provides an opportunity for students to build their presentation skills and their résumés by presenting original research to the community of scholars and professionals at Texas State.

Resources and Services

The International Office assists international students as immigration and cultural advisors. The International Office processes immigration documents for F-1 and J-1 scholars, advises international faculty and staff on visa-related items and hosts culturally relevant events as well as a new international student orientation. In providing these services, the International Office facilitates students’ cultural transition and success while simultaneously promoting global awareness and internationalization for domestic students.

The Texas State Intensive English program provides academic English programs to international students, scholars and professionals to obtain academic readiness, test preparation, self-improvement and cultural integration. In addition to classes, the program also offers ESL-oriented resources for student use, a conversation partner program and special events and ceremonies for students and their families. Students may be placed in an English-based conditional admission program (“Bridge”) upon submission of TOEFL of IELTS scores or they can choose to take courses only through TSIE to enhance their English language abilities.

Housing and Transportation

Texas State’s Department of Housing and Residential Life offers one apartment building in the Bobcat Village apartment complex specifically for graduate students, providing students with valuable networking and community-building opportunities. Apartments feature modern conveniences and are fully furnished, making the transition to Texas State easy and effortless. To learn more, please visit reslife.txstate.edu/future/graduate. Additionally, shuttle buses are available to most major residential areas of the university and the surrounding city of San Marcos.

Career Development

Texas State’s Office of Career Services is dedicated to students’ career advancement. Through tailored and comprehensive career assistance, this office guides students through all states of career development and progression. Available services include, but are not limited to:

- Advising appointments with counselors to explore career opportunities, provide self-assessment exams and resource guidance
- Services in preparing for the job application process, such as 48-hour online résumé critiques and practice or mock interview feedback.
- Jobs4Cats, the online database with access to:
  - on-campus part-time jobs and assistantships
  - summer work and internship positions
  - on-campus work-study jobs
  - on-campus recruiting opportunities for full-time jobs and internships
  - résumé referral and on-campus recruitment tracking
  - employer lists for upcoming job fairs