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To: Texas Leadership Research Scholars Participating IHEs Presidents
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From: Wynn Rosser, PhD 
Commissioner of Higher Education

Date: May 12, 2026

Subject: Texas Leadership Research Scholars Program – Cohort 3 Approved
Cohort Size

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is pleased to announce the 2026-2027 scholarship allocation for each institution participating in the Texas Leadership Research Scholars Program (TLRS). The initial number of scholarships proposed for each institution is based on the funding levels outlined in the enrolled version of Senate Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the 89th Legislative Session.

TLRS provides a scholarship for selected students enrolled in a research doctoral degree at a Texas public university. In addition to financial support, recipients gain access to a strong peer network, mentoring, and a range of opportunities designed to help them realize their full potential. The program specifically targets high-achieving students who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership within their community, and have a track record of academic success.

The scholarship amount for each Research Scholar in Cohort 3 is \$19,884 based on 150% of the average amount of the Texas Leadership Scholars Program awarded across general academic institutions participating in TLRS. Please see your institution's approved cohort size for the upcoming academic year 2026-2027 included below.

As the program continues to grow, we're excited to announce that Cohort 3 will include 300 scholars from 15 participating institutions across Texas. If institutions are unable to identify eligible scholars for each of their slots, unfilled slots may be reallocated to other institutions.

We look forward to welcoming our next cohort of students to the TLRS program. Thank you for your commitment and participation in the Texas Leadership Research Scholars Program.

Participating Institution	Approved Cohort 3 AY 2026-2027
East Texas A&M University	3
Sam Houston State University	3
Texas A&M University	69
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	3
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	3
Texas State University	6
Texas Tech University	36
Texas Woman's University	12
The University of Texas at Austin	72
The University of Texas at Arlington	18
The University of Texas at El Paso	9
The University of Texas at San Antonio	12
The University of Texas at Tyler	3
University of Houston	30
University of North Texas	21

cc: Texas Leadership Research Scholars Program Institutional Coordinators