Texas A&M Institute of Data Science

Career Initiation Fellow Program

TAMIDS invites nominations of early career faculty for the Texas A&M Institute of Data Science Career Initiation Fellow program. Candidate Fellows must propose engagements with TAMIDS activities, programs, or its broader mission to lead and support the growth of Data Science research, education, service, and outreach at Texas A&M. Each Fellow is eligible to receive an award of $10,000 in the form of a bursary to be transferred to a research account of the Fellowship recipient.

TAMIDS particularly welcomes engagements that broaden knowledge of and participation in Data Science in communities within or beyond Texas A&M and/or pilot activities that align with TAMIDS mission but are not represented in its current programs. TAMIDS can provide logistical support for Fellows to deliver their engagements, e.g., for facilities, logistics, and promotion through social media. TAMIDS will coordinate group meetings with all Fellows at the start of the Fall and Spring semesters, at which Fellows can share plans, progress, and experiences. Proposed engagement activities undertaken directly by Fellows should acknowledge TAMIDS support, including by use of its logo in materials. While the award funds are unrestricted, proposers are encouraged to use portions of the award to enable the proposed engagement activities. Examples include, but are not limited to, support for students to assist in the engagement, prizes for hackathons, and support for external participants.

TAMIDS expects to award up to six fellowships in 2023. Fellowship recipients should use the title “2023 Texas A&M Institute of Data Science Career Initiation Fellow”.

Eligibility

- A nominee must be a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor at the submission deadline date (see below) and have primary affiliation with adloc in Texas A&M University (including Galveston and Qatar campuses), TEES, TEEX, AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension, or TTI.
- Preference will be given to nominees who have not previously received funding from TAMIDS under the Career Initiation Fellow Program.

Nomination Procedure

- Fellow nominations should be submitted by the head of the department in which the nominee has adloc
- Nominations are limited to one per department.
- The nomination package should comprise the following items:
  1. Cover page listing
     a. Title: “Nomination for TAMIDS Career Initiation Fellow Program”.
     b. Nominee’s name, email address, and department.
     c. Nominating department head’s name and email address.
  2. Department head’s nomination letter, 1 page maximum.
  3. Nominee career statement, 1-page maximum. This describes the nominee’s research program, accomplishments, and plans.
4. Nominee planned engagement with TAMIDS activities, programs, and broader goals, 2-pages maximum. The description of the proposed engagement should include:
   a. The intended community that will benefit from the engagement, the community’s needs for Data Science, and how the engagement will serve those needs.
   b. New capacities added by the engagement relative to current capacities in TAMIDS and elsewhere.
   c. Innovative aspects of the engagement.
   d. The nominee’s preparation to conduct the engagement.
   e. Timeline, deliverables, products, and/or events forming the engagement.
   f. Intended use of the fellowship award, including outline budget of portion used to support the proposed engagement.

5. The Nominee’s resume, 2-page maximum.

6. Up to two additional reference letters, each two page maximum. TAMIDS Directors, Associate Directors, and Assistant Directors may not provide reference letters; see https://tamids.tamu.edu for current membership.
   - The package should be prepared as a single pdf file and submitted by the nominator as an email to datasciencejobs@tamu.edu with the subject line “Nomination for TAMIDS Career Initiation Fellow Program” by the deadline of 11:59pm April 17, 2023.

Review and Awards
- Nominations will be reviewed competitively by a committee established by the TAMIDS Director.
- Awards will be announced by May 29, 2023.

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The Texas A&M Institute of Data Science (TAMIDS) is committed to providing genuine opportunities and experiences to succeed regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or disability. TAMIDS aims to provide overall leadership in establishing initiatives and goals that promote a culture of equity, inclusion, and service excellence to the university community. TAMIDS works collaboratively with units across campus to implement best practices related to DEI, including those pertaining to recruitment and retention of students, and increasing the participation of historically underserved/underrepresented groups in the field of Data Science.