

**Scholarships Available for the
Hybrid Online PhD in Geographic Education program**

The Department of Geography at Texas State University (<http://www.geo.txstate.edu>) announces the availability of **competitive scholarships** for the inaugural class of the Hybrid Online Ph.D. in Geographic Education program (pending). This program is pending final approval to be granted in late July 2020, with an anticipated starting date of Fall 2020. This program consists of a hybrid approach to complete **46-credit hours (10 courses AND 15 Dissertation hours) and a research-based dissertation**. The program is based on cutting-edge research and state-of-art approaches to teaching, learning, and professional development in geography.

Award Details

This **one-time scholarship** is **up to \$2,000** and is available for students who apply for entry into the Hybrid Online Ph.D. program in Fall 2020. The scholarship is sponsored by the National Center for Research in Geography Education (NCRGE) and comes with a **waiver for out-of-state tuition** for the entire academic year (2020-2021), giving students the benefit of paying in-state tuition. Students residing in a state within the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) may apply for in-state tuition rates, regardless of their Texas Residency status. SREB states include Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Graduate tuition rates are continually changing, for most up-to-date information, please visit: <https://www.sbs.txstate.edu/billing/rates-g.html>.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an NCRGE scholarship, applicants must have completed an application for admission to the Ph.D. in Geographic Education program. Application deadline is July 15th, 2020. Currently the Hybrid PhD-Geographic Education academic program is under review by the Texas State Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall semester of 2020.

Applicants must commit to completing a research project during their first year on a topic related to **assessment** in geography education. Assessment is a fundamentally important area in geography education at all levels. Potential research topics related to assessment may include, but are not limited to:

- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Geography assessment
- Performance-based classroom assessment
- Inquiry-based teaching
- C3 & social studies assessment
- Spatial thinking, GIS, & geospatial technology
- Informal geography learning
- Undergraduate education

Application Requirements

Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. To be considered for the scholarship, the completed application must be submitted to Dr. Richard Boehm, rb03@txstate.edu, no later than **July 15th, 2020**.

The scholarship application needs to include:

- current resume (two pages or less), including:
 - name
 - address

- email
- education (degrees or special certifications)
- professional experience
- scholarship activity, awards, and/or special recognitions
- articles or presentations
- selected community activity
- other information pertinent to your major and/or demonstrating your intellectual, creative, and leadership promise
- Statement of Purpose (no more than 200 words) expressing your career objectives and reasons for selecting your graduate program.
- Essay (no more than 100 words) expressing need for tuition support.

Enrollment Requirements

Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled in 18 credit hours for the first year (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021), while maintaining a 3.5 cumulative graduate GPA.

This scholarship is one-time only. In subsequent years, students will be eligible to apply for various Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts, and Graduate College scholarships to aid in tuition support and out-of-state waivers.

Please contact us for more information about the program and application procedures.

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