



Department of Integrative Biology

BENJAMIN N. TUGGLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Dr. Tuggle is the Assistant Director for Science Applications for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He began his distinguished career with the Service in 1979 at the National Health Research Center in Madison, WI. Since then, he has held key leadership positions throughout the nation, including field experience and prior time in the agency's Washington, DC headquarters. From 2005–2017, he served as the Service's Regional Director for the Southwest Region. <https://www.fws.gov/science/Assistant-Director.html>

The Benjamin N. Tuggle Scholars Program aims to attract outstanding thesis graduate students in environmental science who will participate in activities geared toward development of their science identity, communication skills, and leadership skills. The Program is a training opportunity for graduate students interested in careers in environmental science.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A TUGGLE SCHOLAR

- Dr. Tuggle will be actively engaged in your success.
- Eligibility for funding to present your research at local, regional and national conferences;
- Opportunities to combine formal coursework and research with practical application at science conferences, colloquia, professional workshops, and community-based activities;
- Becoming a member of a community of science researchers, leaders, and communicators intent on creating change locally and globally;
- Opportunities to develop a professional network;
- Open dialog with faculty and staff who are available to offer support, training, and assistance.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A TUGGLE SCHOLAR

To be considered as a Benjamin N. Tuggle Scholar, you must:

1. Be a graduate student in the UTSA Environmental Science and Ecology Program with **10 or fewer** graduate level credit hours completed at the time of nomination;
2. Be registered for 6 hours/semester or more during the long semesters;
3. Contractually commit to attending workshops, mentoring sessions, social events, science communication activities, and other functions as requested;
4. Contractually commit to participate in end-of-year program assessments and focus groups.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your completed application to Amelia King-Kostelac in person or via email (FLN 4.03.18; amelia.king-kostelac@utsa.edu). Include the following documents in your application package:

1. This application, completed.
2. A current (as of date of application) resume or CV, in separate Word document*.

BENJAMIN N. TUGGLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____ UTSA Student ID: _____

Current Address: _____

UTSA Email: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____ Undergraduate GPA: _____

Undergraduate Degree: _____ Year of Degree: _____

Are you a thesis or non-thesis track student in the ESE Program? Thesis _____ Non-Thesis _____

When did (or will) you start your master's degree at UTSA (month/year)? _____

Number of graduate credit hours currently enrolled: _____

Expected graduation date from UTSA (month/year): _____

Current cumulative GPA: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- African-American/Black
- Filipino/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Native American/American Indian
- Female
- Low Income
- LGBTQIA Identifying
- First-generation college student
- U. S. Citizen or permanent resident

Please answer the following questions to help us get to know you better.

1. What are your long-term educational goals? (300-word maximum)

2. What are your long-term professional goals? (300-word max.)

3. What is your research interest or area? (500-word max.)

CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN:

I hereby certify and declare that all of the above information is true.

I will participate in all required program activities.

I will complete all required assessment activities.

I will allow my photograph to be used in program-related publications.

Applicant Signature

Date