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Dear NSF/Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow Applicant,

The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) anticipates that it will host another Bridge to the Doctorate (BTD) program beginning Fall 2016 at *Texas A&M University* in College Station, TX. The BTD program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is designed to encourage and support graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. While establishing a bridge to assist students in obtaining doctoral degrees, the BTD program provides financial support and enrichment activities for Fellows. These activities include professional and leadership development and faculty-led mentoring. As Fellows accomplish their educational goals, the BTD community of staff and peers provides a positive support network.

TAMUS LSAMP is accepting applications for the BTD XII cohort which will comprise twelve (12) students entering Texas A&M for the Fall 2016 semester. Completed applications will be evaluated on academic record, scholarly competence, and strong motivation and commitment to complete a doctoral degree in a STEM field. Eligibility criteria for applicants and benefits of the BTD program are as follows:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Accepted into a NSF-eligible STEM graduate program (master's thesis option or direct PhD)
- Entering as a first-time graduate student
- Completed (or will soon complete) an undergraduate degree at an LSAMP institution
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Interested in research
- Motivated and committed to pursue a PhD in a NSF-eligible STEM discipline.

Program Benefits:

- Annual stipend of \$32,000 for two years
- \$12,000 allotment for educational expenses (tuition/fees, health insurance, supplies, educational travel, etc.) for two years
- Opportunities to network and improve research and presentation skills.

Applications are available at the TAMUS LSAMP website <http://tamuslsamp.org/btd-xii-application/>. The application deadline is **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**. Please forward your inquiries to Dr. Samuel Merriweather at s_merriweather@tamu.edu or (979) 862-1070. We look forward to receiving your application for admission into the BTD fellowship program.

Sincerely,



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