## Avilés-Johnson Fellowship Interest Form

Applicants who wish to be considered for nomination must have a complete application on file by January 14th and upload a completed version of this form within their application. Please do not ask to be nominated for this fellowship as the program makes this determination internally.

## Instruction

Please respond to each eligibility criterion below:

Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.	Yes □	No □		
Have a superior academic record.	Yes □	No □		
Belong to gender, racial or ethnic groups that have been historically under-represented in graduate study in their discipline, in the United States, or at TAMU.	Yes □	No □		
Have attended a minority serving institution for at least two years of their undergraduate degree or have an undergraduate degree conferred from a minority serving institution, as defined by the <u>U.S. Department of Education</u> .	Yes □	No □		
Have a disability defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in <u>Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990</u> , as amended.	Yes 🗆	No 🗆		
Be a veteran of the U.S. military.	Yes □	No □		
Come from a disadvantaged background, as defined by the <u>National Institutes of Health</u> ( <u>NIH</u> ), for those who meet <i>two or more</i> of the following criteria:				
<ul> <li>Were or are currently homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Were or are currently in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Were or are currently eligible for Federal Pell grants.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child.</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		
<ul> <li>Grew up in one of the following areas:</li> <li>A U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services         Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, or     </li> </ul>	Yes 🗆	No □		
<ul> <li>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zip codes are included <u>here</u>).</li> </ul>	Yes □	No □		

## <u>Justification Statement</u>

In the space provided below, provide a justification for why you qualify for nomination based on: 1) superior academic performance, 2) relevant experiences outside the classroom, 3) other indicators of future success, and 4) how you believe you will contribute to diversity in the department/program, the university, and to the future profession. Statement should be 250 words or less.