



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Kinesiology &
Sport Management

Sport Management Experiential Excellence Fund

Purpose: Provide competitive research funding and travel support for students in the Sport Management Culminating Experiences.

Rationale: Full participation in Sport Management Culminating Experiences often requires research funding and travel support to the internship, capstone, entrepreneurial, international, or research site. In many cases, industry partners cover these expenses on behalf of the students. When this is not possible, the Experiential Excellence Fund allows students to apply for supplemental travel funding to participate in the experience fully without undue financial burden.

This application is a competitive process, and funding is not guaranteed for any student. Students will be expected to complete their Culminating Experience according to all their contracted guidelines, and the use of funds must comply with all Texas A&M University policies.

Application Process

Who is eligible?

SPMT majors in good academic standing, who are currently enrolled in SPMT 481 or SPMT 402, and who will be participating in their Culminating Experience (Internship, Capstone, International, and Research) the following year are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: End of week twelve of the current semester.

Apply online at this link: <https://forms.gle/GWHg7ft26tZSTzL18>

The application consists of three parts.

Part 1: Demographic information

Name, UIN, phone number, email, sponsoring organization name, contact person and contact details, dates of the Culminating Experience, and a brief description of the project (Capstone, Entrepreneurial, Research) or Internship.

Part 2: Rationale for the Need for the Funding

In two paragraphs, explain what you expect to learn, how the project will benefit your future, and how the funding will enhance your Culminating Experience.

Part 3: Proposed Budget

Please prepare a budget for each of the following expenses that apply to your experience (understanding that not all will be applicable to every student). You should put in the full budget of your experience, even though funding will be capped per student at \$1000. Use the attached spreadsheet for your budget.

- Airfare (attach a screenshot of an airline quote)
- Mileage for your car (round trip miles from College Station x .61/mile)
- Hotel (attach a quote for the hotel. Number of nights can include one day before and one day after the actual event)
- Housing (attach a quote of the lease terms for housing at the internship or capstone site. Living expenses for being housed with a friend or relative are not eligible.)
- Other (attach a quote)

Review and funding process

The Excellence Fund selection committee will review the applications and notify all applicants by the **end of the current semester**. Funding will be awarded immediately following the **12th day of class in the semester of your Culminating Experience**. The selection committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application after the application deadline.

Criteria for selection

Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee and awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Contribution of the funding to project and/or student excellence
2. Demonstrated need for funding