

# UTSA Top Scholar

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):*

Congratulations on your selection as a Top Scholar Finalist! In order to help you prepare for the 2021 Selection events and for the live Q&A sessions being held by current Top Scholars on February 23rd and February 24th, we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions about Selection and Top Scholar in general.

### **Selection**

#### ***How can I make my application and Selection experience competitive?***

The best advice we can give is to just be yourself and highlight your experiences and what you are passionate about.

#### ***What can I expect each day?***

On Sunday, there will be a series of information sessions and breakout rooms. These are designed to give you an overview of the program and our campus and help you understand more about the benefits and expectations of being a UTSA Top Scholar.

On Monday/Tuesday, the events include a meeting with a faculty member, a meeting with a representative from the college housing your major, meetings with current Top Scholars, and an interview. This is your chance to really get to know us more personally. There will be plenty of time to ask questions from a variety of students, faculty, and staff about UTSA, your specific academic interests, and our program.

#### ***How long will I be there each day?***

Sunday events last from 1:00 p.m. until about 6:00 p.m.

Monday/Tuesday events may be as early as 8:00 a.m. and as late as 5:00 p.m. Plan to spend the entire day on Selection events.

#### ***Can I change my interview time/day?***

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate requests for specific interview days or times.

#### ***What should I wear?***

Dress to impress: Business Casual on Sunday and Business Professional on your interview day. You can ask your scholar contact for advice on what that means.

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## ***Who will be interviewing me?***

The interview panel is made up of faculty and staff from across campus. There are 3-5 people on each panel. Candidates interview individually.

## ***How long will the interview last?***

Approximately 30 minutes.

## ***Can any guests attend with me on Monday or Tuesday?***

Events on Monday and Tuesday are designed for the finalist only.

## ***I need to change the guest who is coming with me. What do I do?***

No problem. Let your scholar contact know about the change; they will communicate with our program administrators so that we have the correct information. You can also email [Top.Scholar@utsa.edu](mailto:Top.Scholar@utsa.edu) with the updated information.

## ***Will you all provide anything for me to give my school since I'll be missing a day?***

Yes, when you check out on either Monday or Tuesday we will provide a personalized excuse letter for your attendance office. We are also happy to complete a school specific form if you have one; send it to the program director at [kristi.meyer@utsa.edu](mailto:kristi.meyer@utsa.edu).

## ***How many people will be there? How stiff is the competition?***

We invite 30 finalists to selection events. We have spots for 10 new scholars.

## **General**

### **How does a student's life benefit from being a Top Scholar?**

As a Top Scholar, you engage in a signature enrichment programming, develop comprehensive professional portfolios, live and learn in a community of scholars, receive auto-enrollment into the [Honors College](#), obtain access to numerous research opportunities, experience exclusive interaction with senior university staff and faculty, and are offered engagement opportunities with community leaders.

### **What are the challenges of being a Top Scholar?**

Top Scholars must maintain a 3.5 GPA, complete 30 credit hours each academic year, develop and fulfill personal and relevant goals every semester, and actively participate in all aspects of the program. This can be challenging at times, but the Top Scholar community and program support comes through.

### **Do we have to be in the Honors College to be a Top Scholar?**

Yes.