2015-2016

Student Application
January 2015

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies. Our program is dedicated to providing an accelerated and rigorous dual credit curriculum that will assist you in fulfilling your academic goals. We are committed to providing a fair opportunity to all the applicants and would like to request that you fill out this application completely and to the best of your knowledge. It is imperative that a complete application be submitted in person at our offices at Texas A&M International University. All required documents should be attached to the application.

The Texas Academy is a two year program that allows exceptionally talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore year of college while simultaneously receiving their high school diploma. Our selection committee will review your application and contact you with their decision. Best of luck on your academic endeavors.

Regards,

Patricia E. Uribe, Ed.D.
Director/Superintendent

Please review the application and gather all information requested before filling out the forms. Only “Complete Applications” will be considered by the selection committee. Applications should include the following:

- Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Score Report
- Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Score Report
- 3 letters or recommendation
  o Teacher
  o Counselor
  o School Administrator
- Student Essay
- Parent/Guardian Statement
- School transcript that includes current GPA and class rank

Complete applications must be hand delivered, faxed, or mailed to:

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
TEXAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL AND STEM STUDIES
DR. BILLY F. COWART HALL, ROOM 213
5201 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
LAREDO, TEXAS 78041-1900
956.326.2860 | 956.326.2863 (FAX)

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015 BY 5:00 PM
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If “No,” Please specify grade level:  
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*Please ensure that a copy of your PSAT and TSI Scores have been attached along with this application upon submission. Applications will not be considered without these scores.*
# PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Check parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom you reside:

- [ ] Mother
- [ ] Father
- [ ] Aunt
- [ ] Uncle
- [ ] Other:

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General Extracurricular Activities

List general extracurricular activities and those related to grades 7-10.

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### Awards and Honors
List individual or team honors and contest recognitions for grades 7-10.

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### Memberships and Offices
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### Accelerated Courses
List all honors/accelerated courses completed or in progress. Explain if classes are not accelerated (e.g. not offered, limited enrollment, schedule conflict, personal choice).

(Please Note: Honors and/or Pre-AP courses are NOT prerequisites, since availability varies widely across school districts.)

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**PERSONAL RESPONSES**

**Parent/Guardian Statement**
*In about 100 words or less, please submit a statement on your child’s decision to apply to the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies.*

- Please provide your response in a typed format and attach to the application. –

**Student Essay**
*In about 250 words, state why you wish to attend the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies. Include what you hope to gain and what you plan to contribute to this Academy.*

- Please provide your response in a typed format and attach to the application. –

**Certification**
By signing below, you hereby certify that the attached student essay is your own work and has not been directly edited or completed by others.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

1. Did you participate in any math, science, technology and/or engineering competitions/programs?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

2. Did a teacher/counselor encourage you to apply at the Texas Academy?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

3. Have you attended or do you plan to attend a Parent & Student Information Session?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

4. How did you first hear about the Texas Academy?
   - [ ] Math Teacher
   - [ ] Science Teacher
   - [ ] English Teacher
   - [ ] Other Teacher
   - [ ] Counselor
   - [ ] TAMIU faculty/staff
   - [ ] TAMIU website
   - [ ] TAMIU letter
   - [ ] News Media/Publication
   - [ ] Other: ___________

5. Did you participate in TexPrep?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

6. Have you completed Algebra I?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

9. Have you completed Biology?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

7. Have you completed Geometry?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

10. Have you completed Chemistry?
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No

8. Have you completed Algebra II?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

11. Have you completed Anatomy & Physiology?
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No

12. Have you completed other math courses?
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    *If Yes, Please Specify:*

13. Have you completed other science courses?
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    *If Yes, Please Specify:*
### Letter of Recommendation: Teacher

**Dear Educator:** The Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies relies on assessments by teachers and administrators in reviewing applications. We appreciate your time and perspectives in completing this form.

#### CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION

**STOP**

**TO THE EVALUATOR:**

**TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE STUDENT SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE.**

1. Please cite indicators of this candidate’s potential in your subject, noting unusual curiosity and intellectual ability.

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2. Please comment on the student’s drive (motivation, persistence), indicating whether candidate is a self-starter.

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3. Please rate the student’s maturity. Note whether attendance or tardiness have been issues.

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4. Please rate candidate by checking below:

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5. Among the students I have encountered in my teaching career, this student ranks in the:

- ☐ Top 2%
- ☐ Top 5%
- ☐ Top 10%
- ☐ Top 25%
- ☐ Top 50%
- ☐ Bottom 50%

6. I believe the likelihood that this student will succeed in the Academy is:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Probable
- ☐ Possible
- ☐ Questionable
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Highly Unlikely

Name of Teacher: [Name]
Title: [Title]
School: [School]
Subject taught to applicant: [Subject]
School Address: [Address]
City, State, Zip Code: [City, State, Zip Code]
School Phone: [Phone]
No. of Years Teaching: [Years]
Length of Time Knowing Candidate: [Time]
Signature: [Signature]
Date: [Date]

For more information regarding this letter of recommendation, please contact:

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2. Applicant’s Academic Rank

3. Please specify number of absences and tardies.

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4. Was the applicant ever suspended from school?

   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

If yes, please explain: __________________________________________

5. Please provide information about the applicant’s maturity, drive, dependability and character.

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Name of Evaluator: ____________________________
Title: ____________________________
School: ____________________________
City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________
No. of Years in Profession: ____________________________
School Phone: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

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# Letter of Recommendation: Counselor/School Administrator

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Name of Evaluator: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________

School: ____________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________

School Address: ____________________________

No. of Years in Profession: ____________________________

School Phone: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

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For more information regarding this letter of recommendation, please contact:

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Application Certification

Statement of Certification
By signing below, we certify that the information presented in this application and attached documents is accurate and to the best of our knowledge. We understand that withholding pertinent or providing false information will invalidate this application. All documents will be reviewed by the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies selection committee.

Acknowledgement Statement
I understand that if admitted to the program, I am committed to a two year program that allows exceptionally talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore year of college while simultaneously receiving their high school diploma.

Confidentiality Statement
By signing below, we waive the right to the review or the access of the confidential letters of recommendation that are submitted with this application.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________
Parent Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

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