Guidelines for F.M. Jones and H.L. Bruce Endowed Graduate Fellowships in Addiction & T32 Alcohol Training Grant at The University of Texas at Austin

These endowed fellowships are designated for the support of graduate research in substance use disorders and associated conditions. The subject matter can include clinical or preclinical studies focused on mechanisms of drug action, neuroadaptation to repeated drug use, risk factors (e.g. genetic, comorbid mental illness, early life trauma, family factors, PTSD), outcomes, or treatment. The process is competitive, and we do not necessarily fund all applications. The Waggoner Center executive committee (Nigel Atkinson, Deborah Jacobvitz, Robert Messing, Kim Nixon, and Caitlin Orsini) has formulated priorities and guidelines below for these fellowships. Note this application will also be used to determine candidates for T32 Alcohol Training Grant - Neurochemical & Behavioral Correlates of EtOH Effects in addition to Bruce/Jones fellows.

1. The Bruce/Jones fellowship provides recipients with funds for stipend, tuition, $1,000 travel allowance, and medical/dental insurance.
2. A top priority of the program is to encourage students to obtain individual NRSA funding for their addiction research and to reward students for this funding. It is required that fellowship appointees submit an NRSA proposal before the end of their second year of funding to be reappointed to the fellowship for a third year. The Waggoner Center will supplement NRSA stipends to match the Bruce Jones fellowship stipend.
3. Another priority is to provide full fellowships to a select number of students representing different approaches to addiction research. To assure that many laboratories are represented, we generally do not fund more than two students in any laboratory from combined Bruce/Jones fellowships and training grant support. Thus, if you have one student in your laboratory funded by the Alcohol Training Grant and one by Bruce/Jones, then funding of a third student by either of these mechanisms would occur only in the case of a truly exceptional applicant.
4. We do not feel that it is appropriate for the Bruce/Jones fellowships to provide long-term support of graduate students. We will not generally use these fellowships to fund any student past their fifth year of graduate study and we will not provide full stipend funding for any student for more than three years. However, we will consider funding a student for part of their last year while they are writing their dissertation if no other sources of funding are available, and they have had extramural fellowship support in the past.
5. Fellows who have not reached candidacy will present a ‘works in progress’ at a Lunch & Learn. Fellows who have reached candidacy will present at one WCAAR weekly meeting per year. All Bruce/Jones fellows will attend the WCAAR weekly meetings.
6. Fellows are to present a paper at Alcohol Journal Club once per year.
7. The executive committee will base awards on the student’s ongoing and proposed research efforts. This research must be in the area of addiction research. Any substantial changes in research direction or a change of mentor must be reported to the executive committee which will re-evaluate the fellowship award.
8. Progress will be evaluated annually as the basis for continued support.
9. T32 applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. This does not apply to the Bruce/Jones fellowship.

# Application for F.M. Jones and H.L. Bruce Endowed Graduate Fellowships in Addiction Research & T32 Alcohol Training Grant

Last Name: First Name:

Program Admission: PI:

Semester & year

Residence and Citizenship Information:  Resident of Texas (eligible for in-state tuition)

 U.S. Citizen  Citizen of:  Nonresident Alien in U.S.:

Foreign Country Type of Visa

In compliance with NIH requirements, please check the boxes below if you identify with any of the following populations that are underrepresented in U.S. research:

 Racial or ethnic group  Disability  Disadvantaged background  N/A

\*See [NOT-OD-20-031](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html) definitions and criteria.

Current Degree Sought:

Have you passed candidacy?  Yes  No

Are you currently applying for other funding (TA, grants, etc)?  Yes:  No

Other Funding Name

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Please compute\* Grade Point Average of Junior-Senior Level Courses:

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Please compute\* Grade Point Average of Graduate Work:

\* Compute Grade Point Average as follows: Take the total number of A’s and multiply by 4; the number of B’s by 3; C’s by 2; D’s by 1 and F’s by 0. Add these products and divide by the total number of grades. Example: 9 A’s x 4 = 36, 2 B’s x 3 = 6; 1 C x 2 = 2; 36+6+2=44; 44  12 = 3.67 GPA.

REFERENCES: List at least two individuals you have asked to recommend you. One should be your current PI or a faculty mentor. If you have been at UT for less than a year, the second can be from an undergraduate mentor.

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POST-HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

(Include military service, but exclude part-time and summer work)

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LIST ALL HONORS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND ASSISTANCESHIPS RECEIVED:

(If aid was received while a University of Texas graduate student, please place an “X” preceding the designation of type of award received.)

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Application for F.M. Jones and H.L. Bruce Endowed Graduate Fellowships

in Addiction Research & T32 Alcohol Training Grant

#### Research and Goals

Name:

Graduate program:

Area of specialization:

Project title:

research Overview:

Please provide information on your research topic defining the gap in the literature and how your research will fill that gap. Provide the hypothesis you are going to test and describe your approach with specific aims. Include enough detail to make your account understandable to a faculty member in a discipline related to yours, but not identical. Include any background information relevant to your proposed studies. Research overview should be limited to this page and one additional page in 11-point type. If a bibliography is provided, one additional page is allowed.

CANDIDATE’S PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

CANDIDATE’S PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS (CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS):

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND HOW THIS FELLOWSHIP WILL HELP YOU TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS: (Limit to one paragraph)

I certify that all information given on this application is complete and correct.

Signature of Applicant Date

No person shall be excluded from participation, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by the University of Texas System in any of its component institutions, on any basis prohibited by law, including, but not limited to, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability.

Please submit completed application to:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/12eb6d9f94bd4ea7886bb3597fce4099>

Please send letters of reference and any questions to:

Jayna Dixon, [jaynadixon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:jaynadixon@austin.utexas.edu) Application deadline is May 15, 2024

# Reference Request for F.M. Jones and H.L. Bruce Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Addiction Research at The University of Texas at Austin

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, this applicant will have access to the information provided below unless he/she has waived such access.

(Applicant to complete this top section)

1. Name of Applicant:
2. Graduate program to which application is made:
3. (Optional) I hereby waive my right of access to the material below.

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Signature of Applicant Date

To the respondent: May we have your judgment of this candidate’s qualifications, intellectual ability, motivation and capacity for research, acquiring professional skill, promise for a career in productive scholarship and effective teaching, quality of previous work, character, and personality. We would be helped too by your checking, for comparative assessment, the boxes below.

Please attach additional sheet if necessary

I have known the applicant for approximately \_\_\_ years.

During this time the applicant was an  Undergraduate Student  Graduate Student  Assistant of mine

 Advisee of mine  Departmental assistant

* Other (please specify):

I would compare the applicant with other students of the same level as follows:

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