



#FIRSTGENVETS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

A Unique Learning Community

#FirstGenVets Leadership Scholars is a unique learning community for first-generation student veterans. Led by Dr. Summer Odom '99 since its inception in 2017, this yearlong, comprehensive program supports student veterans academically, physically, mentally and interpersonally. It provides the skills and resources unique to the challenges facing veterans who are also first-generation students. The results are foundational, optimizing students' opportunity for academic success, leadership development and career preparation. With the growing population of first-generation student veterans at Texas A&M, the demand for this program continues to increase.

Program Outcomes



Professional guidance and development



A sense of community and support networks



Study skills for academic success



Expanded leadership skills for lifelong progress

*Serve Well
Those Who
Have Served*

Supporting #FirstGenVets

#FirstGenVets Leadership Scholars has helped first-generation student veterans build a learning community at Texas A&M University. Ongoing funding would enable the program to help more students and expand the program offerings and outcomes.

Funding will offset costs for:

- Out-of-class experiential learning activities
- The implementation of a guest speaker series
- Graduate assistant position to support the program
- The provision of weekly, in-class meals

"Every experience or class I attend, whether it is a guest speaker teaching me how to manage my time or helping me with my health care options, or going to the library and finding out all the resources there to help me succeed, all of these things are helping me be successful at Texas A&M."

2022-2023 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT



BY THE NUMBERS

59

**FIRST-GENERATION
STUDENT VETERANS
SERVED SINCE 2017**

\$2,000

**AVERAGE PROGRAM
COST PER STUDENT
PER SEMESTER**

10

AVERAGE COHORT SIZE

LEAD BY EXAMPLE



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