**GRADUATE BRIDGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**YEAR 1**

Our mission is to promote and grow a culture of learning excellence in graduate education that results in the development of scholars, researchers, and practitioners. The Graduate student engagement programs will provide accelerated and focused learning opportunities to assist students in the acquisition of the knowledge and skills needed for graduate student success. The Sam Houston State University Graduate Bridge Program is a student success program designed to provide qualified students with the opportunity to adjust smoothly to the academic rigor of graduate education.

**Year 1: Fall Semester Requirements (Scholarship Amount: $500)\***

* Attend ALL mandatory workshops (and make-up any missed workshops)
* Attend Graduate Bridge welcome ceremony and other group functions.
* Mentor selection by December 1,
* Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5\*\*

**Year 1: Spring Semester Requirements (Scholarship Amount: $500)\***

* Satisfactorily completion of a research course (If applicable)
* Attend Graduate Research Exchange
* Meet with mentor once a month and submit reports
* Attend Graduate Bridge group functions.
* Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5\*\*

**Year 1: Summer Semester Requirements (Stipend Amount: $400)\***

* Collaborate with mentor on research and/or meet monthly with a faculty mentor
* Submit weekly progress reports
* Attend mandatory research meetings and complete ALL requirements for summer program
* Present research project at annual Graduate Research Exchange
* Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5

**\*\* If Fall semester requirements are successfully completed, students will receive a $300 textbook Voucher for Spring Semester**

**\* After 1st year of successful program completion, students will be awarded an I-Pad**

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Director of Academic Communications & Inclusion

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Dean of Graduate Studies/Associate VP for Academic Affairs

Date Date