

# T3 Program Requirements

**TOKENS** – Each tenured and tenure-track faculty member at Texas A&M University will be assigned **one** token.

**TRIADS** – Tokens must be redeemed in groups of three, forming a Triad worth a total of \$30,000. Each Triad must be interdisciplinary and must contain tokens from at least two different colleges. The college where a faculty member is adloc'd will be used as their college affiliation.

**T3 FUNDING LEVEL** – \$3 million will be available to fund up to 100 Triads in Round 1.

**PROJECT** – Each investigator in the Triad should not currently receive or have previously received external funding for the proposed research and scholarship idea. The funds cannot be used for extending existing projects that are externally funded, or for projects with sufficient preliminary results for funding by external agencies (e.g., NIH, NSF).

**PROFILES** -- An initial profile will be posted on the T3 website for every tenured and tenure-track faculty member at Texas A&M. The initial editable profile will include the faculty member's name, title/rank, department, college, email, and photo. Faculty members will be able to add a short bio, research summary, relevant publications, and searchable keywords. The profile will include an icon that indicates if the faculty member has a token available (i.e., eligible to be part of a funded Triad) or has no token (i.e., token has been used in another Triad).

**PROJECT POSTING** – An investigator may post one or more project ideas on the T3 website (title of project, description, etc.). The investigator who posts the project is the owner of the project. Eligible investigators can post as many projects as they want, but can add only their token to one project.

**FORMING A TRIAD** – The project owner may invite two other investigators to join the project and form a Triad via the website. Faculty members interested in participating in a proposed project should contact the project owner for additional discussion. Additionally, one or more networking events will be held to facilitate further project discussions. After the Triad is formed, the project owner will submit a budget of proposed use of funds, a description of how investigators will collaborate to accomplish the project, and a complete checklist with compliance questions.

**PROJECT FUNDING** – A semi-random approach will be used in the selection of Triads for funding. Preference will be given to Triads that include at least one assistant professor. At least 50 percent of the Triads selected will include an assistant professor.

**Timeline –**

Faculty Profiles Open for Editing: Friday November 10, 2017

\Projects Posted: December 1, 2017 –January 31, 2018

T3 Informational Session: December 7, 2017

T3 Meet & Greet on Project Ideas: January 19, 2018

Project leaders invite collaborators to form Triads: February 1 – February 28, 2018

Announcement of funded Triads: March 9, 2018

**Funding period** – April 1, 2018 start. Budget requests may be for up to two years. Any remaining funds will be returned to the Provost's Office.

**Undergraduate research supplements** –Each funded Triad may request additional funds in the form of a one-time \$2,000 salary supplement for an undergraduate student to work on the Triad project.

**Graduate student tuition supplements** – Triads utilizing funding for support of graduate student assistantships may request additional funds in the form of partial graduate tuition supplements from a limited pool.

**Triad funding restrictions** –Investigator salaries are *not* allowable expenses.

**No review** – There will be no review of the proposed research and scholarship as a condition for redeeming tokens. However, the collaborative arrangements, compliance obligations, and proposed budget will be reviewed for eligibility.

**Symposium participation** –Funded Triads must present their project ideas at the *Presidential Excellence Initiative Symposium* in September 2018 and their project progress in 2019.

**Reporting** –The project owners of funded Triads must respond to annual surveys on project outcomes, including extramural funding received, recognition, and broader impacts.

**Other** –Investigators who violate any of the requirements or principles of the program may have their funding revoked.