To be eligible for VIP nomination, the student must be a junior or senior at the University of Texas at San Antonio and interested in pursuing a graduate degree at this institution. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.33 and a discipline specific GPA of 3.2, or above, indicating high achievement. Fast track approval is contingent on final GPA scores, and is not based on in-progress grades. Certain departments may require that students have a minimum set of discipline specific credit hours. Some departments may prefer to offer conditional acceptance pending receipt of GRE scores, and may at a later time internally handle the submission of transcripts, letters of recommendations, documentation of the completion of research experience, documentation of a minimum set of discipline credit hours and resumes.

The student must be nominated by two T/TT UTSA faculty members, and in some departments the GAR must be one of the nominating faculty. Applicants must have majored or minored in the discipline in which they are applying for fast track status.

Nomination form must include: discipline GPA, student’s area of interest/focus, and research experience. Additional pages may be attached if needed.

Student’s Name (Last, First Middle/Maiden): _________________

Student ID: ____________________________________________________________________

Intended Graduate Program: _____________________________________________________

Discipline GPA_______ Overall GPA_________

As a T/TT faculty member of University of Texas at San Antonio, I endorse this nomination:

Faculty Name (Last, First Middle/Maiden): ________________________________

College ____________________________ Department ___________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________

Student’s Area of Interest______________________________________________________

Student’s Level of Research Experience_________________________________________
Second–Nomination T/TT faculty member:

Faculty Name (Last, First Middle/Maiden):_______________________________________

College ____________________________ Department ________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________________________

Student’s Area of Interest_____________________________________________________

Student’s Level of Research Experience_________________________________________

Approved by:

Department Chair (signature): ________________________________________________

Associate Dean (signature): ________________________________________________

Please forward all nomination materials to the Graduate School.
VIP Nomination Process

The VIP nomination process allows a T/TT UTSA faculty member to recognize outstanding junior or senior students at the University of Texas at San Antonio for automatic admission into a graduate program at this institution.

Nomination Process

a. Who can Nominate:
   • T/TT UTSA faculty members from each college may nominate undergraduate UTSA students whose academic abilities and achievements lend themselves to success in a graduate program.
   • Faculty members making a nomination must receive approval from the Department Chair and Associate Dean.
   • No self-nominations will be accepted.

b. Who is Eligible:
   • Students must be degree-seeking juniors or seniors at UTSA with a cumulative GPA of 3.33 and be in good academic standing.
   • Students must be majors or minors in the discipline in which they are applying for fast track status, and must have a discipline GPA of a minimum of 3.2. Certain departments may require that students have a minimum set of discipline specific credit hours.
   • Limited to master’s programs (thesis/non-thesis option, or internship option) only.

c. Admission to Graduate School:
   • Nominees will receive a letter from the Graduate School informing them of their acceptance to a master’s program.
   • Nominees must complete the required VIP application within the designated time period. Once completed and submitted, students will be able to register for courses.
   • Pending departmental approval, nominees will not be required to submit transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose, resume/CV, or GRE/GMAT scores. Some departments may prefer to offer conditional acceptance pending receipt of GRE scores.
   • Some departments may at a later time internally handle the submission of transcripts, letters of recommendations, documentation of the completion of research experience, documentation of a minimum set of discipline credit hours and resumes.

d. Materials to be submitted to the Graduate School:
   • Completed nomination form with all appropriate information.
   • Signatures from faculty member, department chair, and associate dean.