

TrUE Scholars

• • • **The Matador Way** • • •

Join the path to the Mark of the Matador



Purpose

The TrUE Scholars program supports first-year and current TTU students through the entire continuum of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) during their time at TTU. The program recruits, trains, and launches talented students into marquee experiences designed to set them apart.

Year 1

Novilleros (Novice)

Explore research & creative activities

- Explore opportunities
- Learn new skills
- Build your network

Year 2

Toreadors (Apprentice)

Work on a group project with your fellow Toreadors

- Join a team
- Work with a professor
- Get funded

Year 3-4

Matadors (Practitioner)

Launch into a one-on-one faculty-led project

- Find a mentor
- Get funded
- Pursue your passion

Mark of the Matador

**Recognition at graduation*

TrUE Scholars

TrUE Scholars is steeped in the TTU tradition of the Matador—not only by using the names Novilleros, Toreadors, and Matadors—but also because of the excellent Red Raiders that make their way through the program! TrUE equips amazing students like you to become **scholars** through **Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (URCA)**!

Year 1: Novilleros (Novice)

After being accepted into the TrUE Scholars Program, you will have the privilege of donning the title "Novillero." As a Novillero, you will spend your first year delving into topics like **entrepreneurship & innovation**, participating in **networking** events, exploring **lab/facilities** at TTU, and receiving crucial **peer mentorship & academic life coaching** all while gaining valuable knowledge and skills towards the path to **The Mark of the Matador!**

Once you have completed your first year, you may be promoted to the rank of Toreador within the TrUE Scholars program!

Year 2: Toreadors (Apprentice)

As a newly promoted Toreador, you will continue to have all the support available to you as a Novillero with an added bonus of being assured a spot within one of our **pre-designed URCA group projects**. You will receive **funding** while working with your group and faculty mentor.

After Year 2, you will be ready to utilize your Novillero knowledge and Toreador skills as a newly promoted Matador!

Year 3 & 4: Matadors (Practitioner)

You have reached the highest rank within the program—The Matador. This title is reserved for our most seasoned TrUE Scholars! You now have the training and experience necessary to pursue your **URCA interest**. After finding a faculty mentor, you will have the opportunity to apply for **Matador Funding** to work on an individual, funded, URCA project.

Ideal outcomes for **Matadors** include discipline-specific **conference presentations**, co-authorship on **journal publications**, and acceptance offers from **graduate programs**.

**Eligible Matadors may re-apply for funding to continue their projects for a 4th year.*

Mark of the Matador

Once you have completed at least one full year as a Matador you will receive the "**Mark of the Matador**" at **graduation**. This recognition transcends being just a status symbol at TTU, and sets you up to succeed at the graduate school level.

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