



# PROJECT MAPVI MULTICULTURALLY ADEPT PROFESSIONALS IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Project MAPVI will be recruiting 2 cohorts of 16 scholars each for a 2-year training program at Texas Tech University.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Project MAPVI grant was created to recruit and train racially and ethnically diverse scholars from Mississippi and Texas to become teachers of students with visual impairments (TSVI) or orientation and mobility (O&M) specialists with specialized expertise in diverse cultures and linguistics. The two sensory impairment programs that a student can choose from to pursue in Project MAPVI are:

- Certification in Orientation and Mobility (2.5-year program)
- Certification in Teachers of Students with Visual Impairment (2-Year program)

## BENEFITS

**(GRANT FUNDS WILL COVER):**

- all tuition and fees each semester,
- required textbooks and course materials,
- all travel expenses required for on-campus 5-week O&M course in Lubbock, and other course-related weekends at TTU or Austin TSBVI,
- enrichment experiences such as conference expenses and specialized courses.
- 2-year supplemental living stipend for misc. expenses such as health insurance, childcare, supplies, counseling, etc.

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**COHORT 1:**

**SUMMER OF 2025**

**COHORT 2:**

**SUMMER OF 2027**

## REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Must hold at least a bachelor's degree.
3. For VI program, must have an initial teaching certification in general or special education from Texas or Mississippi. (Not required for O&M)
4. Access to a working computer and high-speed internet for online courses.
5. Enter with a minimum 2.75 GPA for TSVI, or 2.5 for O&M and maintain a 3.0 GPA during program.
6. Commit to working with children with visual impairments for at least two years for each year of scholarship funding received.
7. Special consideration given to applicants from an underserved population, those who are multilingual, or those with a disability.