The Hagler Institute brings world-class scholars—Faculty Fellows—to take residence at Texas A&M University for up to twelve months. These scholars collaborate with A&M faculty and top graduate students on research projects designed to solve some of the world’s toughest problems and challenges.

The Hagler Institute is a mechanism for attracting world-class talent to the University and is driven by nominations of national academy and Nobel-prize caliber researchers that align with existing strengths and ambitions of the University. Each year the Hagler Institute invites a number of nationally and internationally prominent Faculty Fellows to pursue advanced study at the Hagler Institute in collaboration with faculty and student scholars at Texas A&M. The goal is to provide a stellar environment for research and scholarship with the Faculty Fellows having freedom to pursue their own research interests, as well as collaborate in disciplinary and multidisciplinary research. Each Faculty Fellow affiliates with one or more of the doctoral degree granting academic departments housed in 16 colleges and schools. Additional resources provide Texas A&M fellowships for graduate students, as well as fund visiting graduate students and post-doctoral researchers affiliated with the Faculty Fellows.

Through the recruitment of its Faculty Fellows, The Hagler Institute for Advanced Study raises the profile of Texas A&M—nationally and worldwide—and plays a significant role in retaining outstanding faculty-researchers and recruiting quality faculty members and students.

Now a permanent feature at Texas A&M, the Hagler Institute is a key component of the University’s strategy to advance its academic evolution and to emerge as one of the ten universities that are generally regarded as the best in the United States. The Institute strengthens A&M’s graduate programs and enriches the undergraduate academic experience by bringing students at all levels into direct contact and collaboration with Hagler Fellows.
Faculty Fellows. That connection has a long-term impact on the quality of the students who choose to attend Texas A&M. Because the finest students want the finest education, their choice of schools may be influenced by the objectives and proven success of the Hagler Institute.

The Institute serves every college and school at Texas A&M, including the Galveston campus and the School of Law in Fort Worth, as well as several key institutes. The affiliations between the Faculty Fellows and the University’s colleges and schools are determined by nominations, which originate with our faculty and college deans. Those nominations are strictly confidential. Nominees are evaluated by a revolving panel of University Distinguished Professors. To be approved for recruitment, nominees must meet the highest standards of accomplishment in their professions, hold national academy or equivalent stature, and produce top-quality work as scholars and mentors. The time in residence at Texas A&M is flexible, with many Faculty Fellows choosing to spread their work at Texas A&M over multiple years, ensuring long-term collaboration.

Great universities such as Texas A&M require the constant renewal and integration of exceptional scholars and researchers with an extraordinary existing faculty. The Hagler Institute is designed with that premise clearly in mind. The Institute’s world-class scholars have an immeasurable impact on our faculty, students, and reputation. In addition, the Faculty Fellows are energized by the flexible structure of the Institute and by their ability to team with enthusiastic faculty and exceptional students. The Hagler Institute has demonstrated a proven, affordable formula for advancing Texas A&M.

ABOUT JOHN L. HAGLER

Jon L. Hagler is a recognized leader in investment management as well as philanthropy. He and wife Jo Ann founded the Jon L. Hagler Foundation—a private foundation that has served as a longtime financial supporter of Texas A&M. He is highly regarded and respected at the University for his leadership and contributions that have spanned decades.

Texas A&M recognized Hagler with an honorary doctorate in 2015 and with the 2005 Sterling C. Evans Medal for his dedication to philanthropy. He was named a Texas A&M Distinguished Alumnus in 1999 and is a past member of The Association of Former Students’ Board of Directors.

Hagler received his bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M and earned an MBA from Harvard University in 1963.