

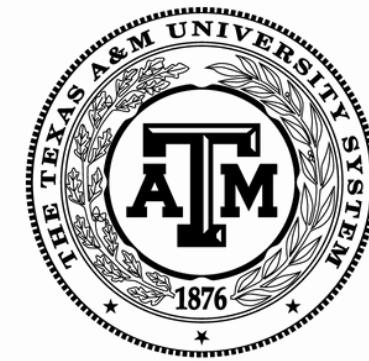


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PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Policy Internship Programs

A SCHOLAR'S WEEK

2 DAYS IN CLASS



- 6 hours of in-person political science coursework
- Focuses on current issues, relevant special topics, and the American political system

3 DAYS IN OFFICE



- 0-6 hours of internship credit
- Focuses on professional development and personal reflection

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

Housing
Provided

Academic
Credit

Networking

Resume
Building

Training &
Support

Knowledge
of the
Policy
Process

WASHINGTON, DC



A professional headshot of Carolina Pena, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a bright pink blazer over a white t-shirt and a small pendant necklace. The background is a light, textured grey.

“My advice for students nervous about applying to the Scholars program or interning in DC is to believe in yourself and your potential. Everyone starts somewhere, and this program is designed to help you learn and grow. Even if you feel unsure, take the chance because the experience will be worth it.”

CAROLINA PENA



TEXAS A&M **INTERNATIONAL** UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM HOUSING



+ Scholar Housing Components

- Fully Furnished 3-Bedroom Apartments
- Kitchen Utensils plus Pots and Pans
- Laundry Facilities (in-unit)
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Accessible Walking/Running Trails
- Walkable to Grocery Stores/Metro



INTERNSHIP OFFICES



- + Congressional Offices
- + Federal Agencies
- + Advocacy Groups
- + Think Tanks
- + Non-Government Organizations

POTENTIAL D.C. INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

- Congressional Offices
 - Senators John Cornyn & Ted Cruz
 - Representatives from TX Delegation
- House Committees
- Senate Committees
- TAMUS, Office of Federal Relations
- Heritage Foundation
- Brookings Institute
- American Enterprise Institute
- Democratic National Committee
- House Republican Conference
- Embassy of Mexico
- Global Cold Chain Alliance
- International Justice Mission
- American Public Human Services Assoc.
- Assoc. for Diplomatic Studies & Training
- Bose Public Affairs Group
- Todd Strategy Group
- National Farmers Union
- Dept of Defense - Air Force Public Affairs
- Dept of Commerce - Southeast Asia Office
- Dept of Transportation - Inspector General
- Dept of Justice - Office of Legislative Affairs
- Peace Corps - Gifts & Grants Management



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A professional headshot of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing clear-framed glasses, a maroon turtleneck, and a dark blazer. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a light, textured surface.

“Professionally, I think this experience has given me more confidence to go into positions that don't necessarily fit the mold of my degree. For example, I am a history student working in the political realm. While that is not a huge jump, I previously would have doubted myself and never applied to anything related to public policy.”

MIRANDA MARTINEZ



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
CORPUS CHRISTI

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen and at least 18-years-old. Permanent residents are not eligible for this program.
- Classified as a degree-seeking undergraduate student at a university within the Texas A&M University System. Students cannot participate in the program post-graduation.
- Cumulative college GPA of at least 3.0. First-semester freshmen are not eligible to apply.
- Be in good standing with home institution, pursuant to the home institution's academic & student conduct rules.
- Obtain and carry valid health insurance for the duration of the internship semester.
- Attend all program trainings and pre-departure events, which will be administered virtually.



APPLICATION COMPONENTS

+ PPSP Application

+ Cover Letter

+ Resume

+ Policy Issue Essay

+ Official college transcript

+ Copy of current semester class schedule

+ One (1) letter of recommendation

Application Instructions for Austin, Texas Internship



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Public Policy Internship Program (PPIP) at Texas A&M University. If you have any questions while completing the application, please contact a program staff member at ppip@ag.tamu.edu or 979-845-3712.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for an Austin, Texas internship through PPIP:

- Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old.
- Must be classified as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Must be in good standing with their home institution.
- Must obtain valid health insurance.
- Must be able to attend all training and orientation sessions.
- Must be able to serve the entire spring semester.

Application Guidelines

- Items 1-5 of the Austin application must be submitted by the application deadline. Submitting items 6 and 7 is optional.
- Remember, this application is for the Austin program only.
- Please complete the Austin application in its entirety. Items 2-4 and 6 of the application are for the Washington, D.C. program and links will not be accepted.
- You are highly encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible before submitting your application to the Washington, D.C. program.
- Note: Program staff reserves the right to accept or decline applications.

Application Checklist

- 1. Application
- 2. Cover letter
- 3. Professional resumé
- 4. Policy essay
- 5. Screen shot of current semester transcript
- 6. One letter of recommendation
- 7. Official college transcript (and WGU transcript if applicable)

Application materials should be submitted in one (1) email. See the following for instructions on how to submit your application.

You will be contacted for further instructions.

Completed applications must be submitted by **5pm on Thursday, September 12**.

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Public Policy Scholars Program Washington, D.C. | Overview & Eligibility

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Public Policy Scholars Program (PPSP) in Washington, D.C. This is a new System-wide program offered through Texas A&M University's Public Policy Internship Program, in partnership with the Bush School of Government & Public Service and the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Office of Academic Affairs.

Should you be accepted into the Scholars Program, you will have the unique experience of combining academics with policy knowledge and professional work experience, all while representing the Texas A&M University System and your home institution in our nation's capital. For the purpose of your application and your potential acceptance into the Public Policy Scholars Program, your home institution is the TAMUS school in which you are currently enrolled as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for this program. All criteria will be verified with the applicant's home institution.

- Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18-years-old. Permanent residents are not eligible for this program.
- Must be classified as a degree-seeking undergraduate student at a school within the Texas A&M University System. Students cannot participate in the program post-graduation.
- Must have a cumulative college GPR of at least 3.0. First-semester freshmen are not eligible to apply.
- Must be in good standing with their home institution, pursuant to the home institution's academic & student conduct rules.
- Must obtain and carry valid health insurance for the duration of the internship semester.
- Must be able to attend all program trainings and pre-departure events, which will be administered virtually.

Program Logistics for the Public Policy Scholars Program

The following logistics should be taken into consideration when applying to the Scholars Program. Students must be aware of and agree to the following guidelines:

- This is an academic program consisting of part-time in-person coursework, as well as a part-time internship in Washington, D.C. Students will enroll in 8-12 hours of credit through their home institution, which will be taught in-person at Texas A&M University's D.C. teaching site. Students will also intern part-time (15-20 hours per week) with a hosting office.
- Before submitting your application, you are highly encouraged to meet with your academic advisor at your home institution to discuss how PPSP could impact your degree plan and graduation.
- If you are selected into the Public Policy Scholars Program, your financial aid will be administered by your home institution. You are highly encouraged to discuss your eligibility for financial aid and scholarships with your home institution prior to applying to PPSP.
- All application information will be verified with your home institution prior to you being offered a PPSP interview.

Program Contact

Should you have any questions while completing the application, you may direct questions to:

Erin Fink - Program Manager
Policy Internship Programs
Texas A&M University
erin.fink@tamu.edu | 979-845-3712

Application instructions begin on the next page.
Completed application packets are due by 5pm on Thursday, September 12.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

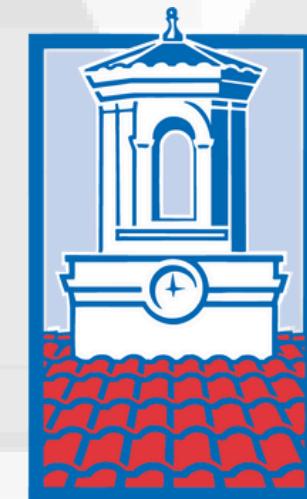
SPRING '26 - SEPT. 9

FALL '26 - NOV. 3

A professional headshot of Leeya Flores, a young woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a white collared shirt. The background is a white seal of the state of Texas.

“It allows you to experience a different environment and learn how to live in a place that isn’t Texas. Just do it. Who knows what will happen. You can only regret it if you never even try to apply.”

LEEYA FLORES



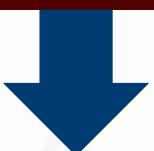
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SELECTION PROCESS

SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION



15-MINUTE VIRTUAL INTERVIEW



APPLICANT NOTIFICATION



PREPARE FOR YOUR ADVENTURE!

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