



The Graduate Archer Fellowship Program

at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Archer Center's Graduate Archer Fellowship Program empowers graduate students from across The University of Texas System by providing them with a unique opportunity to live, learn, and intern in our nation's capital during the summer. Home to many government, media, research, and cultural institutions, Washington, D.C., offers unparalleled opportunities for career development and cultural enrichment. While in Washington, D.C., students complete UTHHealth coursework taught by esteemed professors and gain hands on work experience in an internship of their choice. By living together in luxury condominiums near Capitol Hill, Archer Fellows build lasting friendships and professional connections with each other. Tailored to students' own personal and intellectual interests, the Graduate Archer Fellowship Program provides an experience that students find professionally, academically, and personally rewarding.

ABOUT THE ARCHER CENTER

Founded in 2001 by Congressman Bill Archer as he retired from 30 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Archer Center serves as the Washington, D.C., campus of The University of Texas System. The Archer Center seeks to educate the next generation of leaders from Texas and instill in them a love of public service. More than 1,400 alumni have graduated from the Archer Center's programs and are now making a difference in communities around the world.

ELIGIBILITY

The Graduate Archer Fellowship Program is available to graduate, medical, and doctoral students of all majors and academic backgrounds. We welcome a diverse array of student interests.

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply:

- Applicant must be pursuing a graduate degree (e.g., masters, doctorate, Ph.D., M.D., J.D.) at a University of Texas System university.
- GPA of 3.0 or greater (or equivalent) at UTHHealth (first year students must meet this requirement by the end of the fall 2020 semester)
- Previous professional or internship experience
- Campus involvement and/or community leadership experience

If selected for the Graduate Archer Fellowship Program, students must meet the following requirements by the beginning of the summer they will be in Washington, D.C.

- 9 hours of in-residence credit completed at UTHHealth; GPA of 3.0 or greater

COURSES

Graduate Archer Fellows take courses housed at UTHealth which are taught by faculty from UT Dallas and policy experts from the Washington, D.C., community. Students earn 9 hours of graduate-level credit:

- PH 5098 (Section 900): Federal Ecosystems and Advocacy (3 hours)
- PH 5098 (Section 901): Independent Study and Research (3 hours)
- PH 9997 (Section 902): Washington, D.C., Internship (3 hours)

Students are strongly encouraged to consult their academic advisors to learn how these classes will fit into their degree plans.

POLICY WORKING GROUPS

As part of the coursework, graduate Archer Fellows will participate in a specialized working group in one of three topic areas: General Domestic Policy; Health and Healthcare Policy; National Security and Global Affairs Policy. These working groups enable fellows to connect with policy leaders in their field through policy roundtables and tailored academic research projects. In addition, these working groups foster research and policy collaboration between Archer Fellows.

INTERNSHIP

All Archer Fellows participate in a full-time internship of their choosing. Archer Fellows are responsible for researching and applying for internships, while Archer Center staff provide guidance and assistance throughout the process. The Archer Center has a vast network of connections in a variety of fields in the nation's capital, and Archer Fellows have developed a reputation as high-quality interns.

Archer Fellows earn 3 hours of course credit for their internship experience. Visit www.archercenter.org for a non-exhaustive list of potential internship sites.

COST

Graduate Archer Fellows pay a \$3,900 program fee in lieu of UTHealth tuition. This means that many financial aid resources that normally apply towards UTHealth tuition can be applied to the Graduate Archer Fellowship Program. The program fee does not cover housing or other expenses. Students are encouraged to visit <https://www.archercenter.org/funding-your-fellowship.html> for more information on expected expenses and the **substantial scholarships available** to help Archer Fellows fund their summer in Washington, D.C. If you would like to speak about fellowship funding, please contact archeradmissions@utsystem.edu. The UTHealth campus has also historically provided funding to Graduate Archer Fellows.

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Graduate Fellow Spotlight:

Brittany Ikwuagwu, Summer 2019 Archer Fellow

Education: 2nd year medical Student, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth

D.C. Internship: Convergence Center for Policy Resolution

“My summer in Washington DC has changed the trajectory of the career I want as a future physician. Through the Archer Center I have learned so much about the complexities of healthcare policy and have gained the confidence to one day make an impact as both a future physician and policymaker. This fellowship, by far has enriched my medical education and I cannot wait to put the skills I have learned as an Archer Fellow to use!”