



The Archer Fellowship Program

at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Program Overview

The Archer Fellowship Program empowers 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 fall or spring semester. 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 UT Permian Basin 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 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 1100 alumni have graduated from the Archer Center's programs and are now making a difference in communities around the world.

Eligibility

The Archer Fellowship Program is available to undergraduate students of all majors and academic back-grounds, and we welcome a diverse array of student interests.

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

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Previous work or internship experience
- Campus involvement and/or community leadership experience

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

- Upper-division standing (completion of 60 credit hours or more, including transfer work, placement credit hours, or dual enrollment)
- 24 hours of in-residence credit completed at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Completion of political science core-curriculum requirements (PLSC 2305 and 2306 or their equivalents)

Courses

Archer Fellows take courses in Government and Communication Studies taught by faculty from UT Austin, UT Dallas and the Washington, D.C., community. Students earn 15 hours of upper-division course credit:

- Archer Center Washington Internship (LEAD 4695: Practicum)
- The Policy Making Process (PLSC 4391)
- Advocacy & Politics (PLSC 4391)
- Politics of the Nation (PLSC 4391)

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

Since the courses count as in-residence credits, graduating seniors may participate in the program during their final semester.

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 fantastic reputation as high-quality interns.

The vast majority of internships are unpaid, and while there are some exceptions, students should not expect to earn an income while in D.C. Archer Fellows earn 6 hours of course credit for their internship experience. Visit www.archercenter.org for a non-exhaustive list of potential internship sites.

Cost

Archer Fellows pay a program fee in lieu of UT Permian Basin tuition, meaning most resources currently used towards UT Permian Basin tuition can also be used towards the Archer Fellowship. The 2018-2019 program fee is \$4900, and is subject to change in future years. This fee does not cover housing or other expenses. Students are encouraged to visit archercenter.org/funding-your-fellowship.html for more information on expected expenses for the program and available scholarships to help Archer Fellows fund their semester in Washington, D.C.

Applicant Advising

Prospective UT Arlington Archer Fellows can receive support and feedback on their application through individual appointments on their home campus. Prospective students can also contact the Archer Center with questions or to set up a phone meeting at archeradmissions@utsystem.edu.

Contact

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Archer Fellow Spotlight: Gaven Norris, Fall 2019 Archer Fellow

Major: political science

D.C. Internship: NAACP Washington Bureau

Current Job: Attorney/Owner at The Norris Law Office

“But for the Archer Fellowship, I would not be a lawyer today. The Archer Fellowship Program has given me the courage to dream big, follow my dreams and make an impact in whatever community I call home.”