

Tower Center Student Forum Information Regarding The Policy Committee Director Position

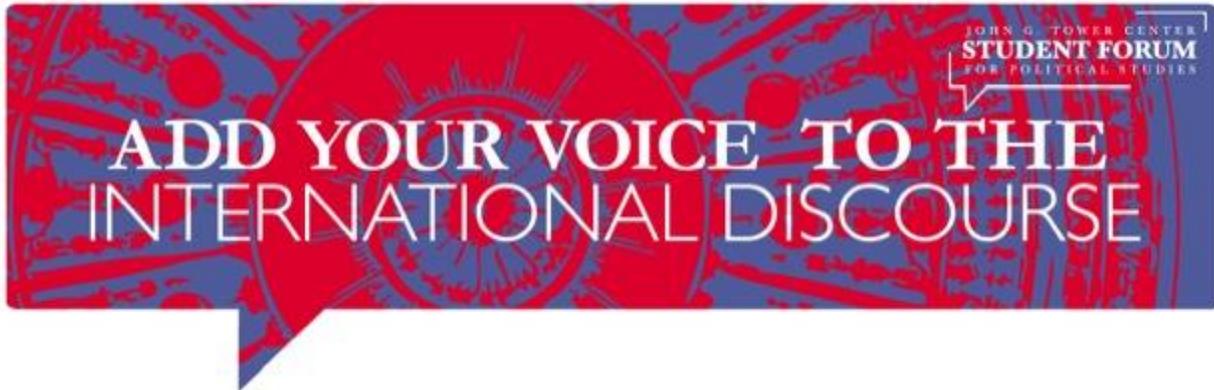
Each year, the Tower Center Student Forum fills three positions for students to act as directors of various policy committees. Each committee oversees a specific area of policy. The Tower Center Student Forum has proposed that these three policy committees be in the areas of (1) National Security Studies, (2) African Studies, and (3) Education Policy Studies. However, these areas of study are not final. In fact, we would prefer that students applying to act as a directors of policy committees make their committees their own. In other words, we would prefer that students personalize their committee and decide their own area of study.

Now, what does a director of a policy committee do? Obviously, the directors oversee each of their respective policy committees. Throughout the academic school year, each policy committee will have a specific objective, i.e. "To Further Understand the U.S.-Sino Dynamic Concerning Military Tensions In The Pacific Rim." As such, if you should decide to apply for this position, you will need to develop a thesis driven policy proposal (see the end of the application) and explain its importance as well as how you will go about conducting your research.

Furthermore, as a director of a policy committee, you will have the opportunity to create your committee, to decide who will research with you. We ask that committees be no larger than three persons in size. The decision on who chairs the committee and how many chairs exist, however, is up to. You can, if you so please, chair the committee on your own.

This position does require time and serious work ethic. You will be expected to submit a policy proposal in late February of 2014 for publication within *dialogue*, the Tower Center's Undergraduate Research Journal. You will also be expected to work with a faculty member who will help oversee your progress.

Please see the attached application.



Tower Center Student Forum
Policy Committee Director Application

To apply for a position as a Policy Committee Director for the Tower Center Student Forum, please provide the following materials:

1. Cover Sheet (this page)
2. Short Answers (see second page)
3. Development Proposal (see second page)
4. Résumé

After submission, you will be required to interview with the Tower Center Student Forum. You will be contacted by email with a list of available interview times, and the Tower Center Student Forum will try to accommodate your class schedule.

Name: _____	Major(s): _____
Email: _____	Minor(s): _____
Phone: _____	Grad. Year: _____
SMU ID: _____	GPA: _____

Please indicate the position in which you are interested:

_____ Director of National Security Studies _____ Propose Your Own
_____ Director of African Studies
_____ Director of Education Policy Studies

Please return all forms to the Tower Center Student Forum by **Friday, May 3rd**

John G. Tower Center for Political Studies
203A Carr Collins Hall
or email to *tcsf@smu.edu*

Short Answers

Please type your answers on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application.

1. What past experiences (positions held, actual experiences and circumstances, etc.) do you have that qualify you to act as the director of your respective policy committee? Please note, the Tower Center Student Forum is looking for individuals who are deeply interested in and concerned about their respective policy committee.
2. What do you hope to gain from the position as Policy Committee Director, and how does it pertain to your future goals?
3. Please describe why you believe that you are a good leader. What qualities make you a good team member?
4. What other time commitments will you have in the 2012—2013 academic year?

Development Proposal

Please type your proposal on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application.

The broad areas of study of the three policy committees in the 2013—2014 academic year will be the following: (1) National Security Studies, (2) African Studies, (3) Education Policy Studies, or (4) your own proposed area of study. As a director of one of the above policy committees, you will be charged with helping to provide unique opportunities to the research associates within your respective policy committee. How do you propose to develop your respective policy committee? What opportunities would you strive to make available to the research associates? Are there any other specific plans or approaches that you have?

Any questions regarding positions or this application can be emailed to tcsf@smu.edu