**JOHN GOODWIN TOWER CENTER**

**FOR PUBLIC POLICY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application**

**Eligibility:** SMU Sophomores & Juniors with a 3.0 minimum GPA

**Scholarship Duration:** Fall-Spring of the following academic year

**Applications Open:** September 1

**Applications Due: March 1, 5 p.m.**

**Award Announced:** May 1st

**Award Amount:** Between $800-$1,000 per semester for a maximum of four consecutive semesters (each fall and spring)

The Tower Center offers a limited number of fellowships to SMU undergraduate students to pursue research in public policy & international affairs. Tower Center undergraduate research fellows work closely with SMU faculty in developing a research project resulting in a publication in the *Dialogue* and a poster presentation.

Research fellows are expected to commit approximately five to ten hours per week to the project over a maximum of four semesters. Selection is based on merit and determined by an application process emphasizing ability and interest in research. Undergraduate research fellows are introduced to substantive issues, appropriate research methodologies and techniques, research design, and theory development.

**Eligibility:**

* SMU undergraduate – sophomore, junior
* Minimum GPA 3.0
* Research focus on public policy and international affairs

**Requirements:** Applicant must submit:

* Completed application
* One-page resume
* Two letters of recommendation (one letter must be from the SMU faculty mentor), and
* A research proposal, co-sponsored by an SMU faculty mentor

Students must indicate whether they are applying for the one-year fellowship or the two-year fellowship.

**Deliverables:** Based on the length of the fellowship, the research fellow will be expected to submit the following by April 10 of the academic year.

* A research paper (3-5 pages) for publication in the [*Dialogue*](https://www.smu.edu/TowerCenter/About/Students#tab_tab3).
* A research poster for presentation at SMU Undergraduate Research Day
* A review article for publication on the Tower Center blog (two-year fellowships only)

**Award Details:** Each fellow receives a scholarship award between $800-$1,000 per semester for a maximum of four consecutive semesters, credited directly to the student’s SMU account.

The fellows will be designated as one of the following:

* Tom Bryant Medders, Jr. Undergraduate Fellow
* Edwin L. Cox Undergraduate Research Fellow
* Al G. Hill, Jr. Fellow
* Henry S. Miller Fellow
* Rubottom Fellow (U.S. Foreign Service or international affairs)

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**Terms and Conditions**

1. Fellows will work with a faculty mentor to develop a research proposal in an area of mutual interest – may be related to the faculty member’s ongoing research (a proposal must be submitted with the application).
2. Fellows will agree to spend five to ten hours of active research per week for two or four consecutive semesters.
   * If the fellow studies abroad for a semester and does not carry out research during that semester, the award for that semester will be withheld.
3. The research fellow must submit the following deliverables:

**For one-year fellowships:**

* + - Poster presentation in SMU Undergraduate [Research Day](https://www.smu.edu/graduate/CurrentStudents/ResearchDays).
      * **Deadline: Spring of the academic year – per Engaged Learning**
    - A research paper (3-5 pages) for publication in the [*Dialogue*](https://www.smu.edu/TowerCenter/About/Students#tab_tab3).
      * **Deadline: April 10**

**For two-year fellowships:**

* + ***Year 1:***
    - A 1-page review article for publication in the Tower Center blog.
    - This can be a book review, an opinion editorial, an interview of a policy practitioner, or an event recap of a Tower Center event.
      * **Deadline: April 10**
  + ***Year 2:***
    - Poster presentation in SMU Undergraduate [Research Day](https://www.smu.edu/graduate/CurrentStudents/ResearchDays).
      * **Deadline: Spring of the academic year – per Engaged Learning**
    - A research paper (3-5 pages) for publication in the [*Dialogue*](https://www.smu.edu/TowerCenter/About/Students#tab_tab3).
      * **Deadline: April 10**

1. Research fellows are awarded an $800-$1,000 scholarship during each of the two or four semesters of their fellowship period.
2. Fellows must maintain satisfactory progress and performance in their academic coursework and in their research projects. This means maintaining a B average.
3. Research fellows whose research is evaluated as unsatisfactory may have their fellowship withdrawn.
4. ***For Rubottom Fellows only:***Applicants must have completed 60 hours of coursework and commit to a minimum of 2 years of study of a modern foreign language.

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**Application Form**

**Date:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Applying for**  *1-year*  *2-year* fellowship

**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. **SMU ID:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**SMU Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Phone Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Local Mailing Address (SMU/Dallas):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Hometown:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Major(s):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Minor(s):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Year at SMU:**  *Sophomore*  *Junior*  **GPA (Cumulative):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Expected Graduation:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are you interested in a career in: foreign service**  *Yes*  *No* **or international affairs**  *Yes*  *No*

**Title of Proposed Research Study:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Faculty Research Advisor:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email Address of Advisor:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**How does this research fellowship align with your long-term career goals? What are your objectives and motivations in seeking this fellowship? (max. 500 words).**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Research Proposal.** You must submit a 1-2 page research proposal, co-sponsored by the SMU faculty research mentor. The proposal should include the research question, outline the research objectives, proposed research methods and a project timeline.

**Recommendation Letters.** You must submit two letters of recommendation from SMU faculty members. One recommendation letter must come from your SMU faculty research mentor.

***Please answer the following questions to be considered for the Rubottom Scholarship:***

**Modern foreign language being studied (college level):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Years of study of modern foreign language (college level):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**What are your specific areas of interest related to Foreign Service or international affairs (max. 100 words).**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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Please submit your completed application by **March 1, 5 p.m.** to Ray Rafidi ([rrafidi@smu.edu](mailto:rrafidi@smu.edu)).

Completed application should include:

1. Application form
2. One-page resume
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation, sent directly to Ray Rafidi
4. Research proposal, co-sponsored by the SMU faculty research mentor