SMU TOWER CENTER

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2024-2026

About:

The John G. Tower Center offers research fellowships to SMU undergraduate students that emphasize **ability and interest in research on public policy, government, and international affairs.** Successful applicants will work closely with SMU faculty in developing a research project, and will be introduced to substantive issues, appropriate research methodologies and techniques, research design, and theory development.

Funding: Each fellow will receive a **stipend of \$5,000, distributed in 4 equal sums over the course of 2 years**.

The fellow will be designated as one of four undergraduate fellowships:

- Edwin L. Cox Fellowship
- Al G. Hill, Jr. Fellowship
- Tom Bryant Medders, Jr. Fellowship
- Henry S. Miller Fellowship

Continuation of the stipend will depend upon satisfactory performance and progress on the research project.

Requirements:

- 1. Application Form (<u>click here</u>)
- 2. Applicants must be in the second semester of their sophomore year and will serve as a fellow during their junior and senior years.
- 3. **Unofficial Transcript** with a minimum GPA of 3.3.
- 4. Agreement from a faculty member to serve as applicant's advisor for the duration of the proposed research project.
- 5. **Two letters of recommendation from SMU faculty.** One letter must be from a faculty member who will serve as advisor for the proposed research project and one letter must be from a faculty member who has taught the applicant.
- 6. **500-700 word research project proposal** (i.e. one page double-spaced) including the research project's objectives and applicant's motivations in seeking this fellowship.
- 7. Resume

Submission deadline: Friday, March 8, 2024

Deliverables:

• Submit research for participation in the SMU Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation and submit the research paper for publication in *The Dialogue*, SMU Tower Center's peer-reviewed undergraduate journal.

Selection process:

The selection process for the fellowships awarded by the **SMU Tower Center** will be based on the completed delivery of the requirements and merit. Selection will be determined by an application review committee made up of SMU Tower Center Faculty Board members.

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