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Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center Summer Externship Program

The Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center's Summer Externship Program offers students a 10-week summer criminal law externship in small, tribal, or rural (STAR) communities in Texas. Offered as a special section of the law school's public interest externship program, the Deason Externship Program will facilitate placements in rural prosecution and public defense. Externs will hone their legal skills and develop valuable mentorship relationships, while gaining first-hand experience in the challenges and rewards of working in a STAR community. At each site, a supervising attorney will work closely with the Deason Center to provide a transformative externship experience. STAR externs will also participate in a weekly externship seminar, directed by Professor Pamela Metzger.

The Deason Externship Program is open to all students who have completed their first year of law school, but preference will be given to rising 3Ls. To apply, please submit your resume, a writing sample, three references, an unofficial transcript, completed application information form, and a cover letter explaining your interest in rural criminal law practice. Materials should be submitted to the Center's Law Fellow, Kristin Meeks, at deasonjusticecenter@smu.edu.

Applications are due Friday, March 19th, 2021, at 5:00 PM CT.

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Diversity Statement:

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The Deason Center values collaboration, innovation, creativity, and inclusiveness. Our success depends on a robust exchange of ideas and a rich diversity of perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences. To that end, we encourage applications from people who have been directly impacted by the criminal legal system and people whose communities have, historically, been underrepresented in the fields of legal research, social science, and public policy.