

## **The Elspeth D. Rostow Memorial Graduate Fellowship**

### **Criteria for Eligibility and Award Information**

The LBJ Foundation is supporting the LBJ School of Public Affairs through the Elspeth Rostow Memorial Fellowship Fund. In honor of the tremendous contributions that Dean Rostow made to the LBJ School, the School has chosen to establish The Elspeth D. Rostow Memorial Graduate Fellowship to be dedicated to second-year graduate students whose interests embody the spirit and dedication to public service that Dean Rostow herself exemplified through her life and career. Four decades of students owe a sincere debt to Dean Rostow. By both her example and her teaching, Dean Rostow instilled the wisdom for critical thinking, a zeal for tireless dedication, and a spirit of compassion that is essential for public service.

#### **About Elspeth Rostow**

An internationally recognized expert on national politics and U.S. foreign policy, Elspeth Rostow served as Dean of the LBJ School from 1977 to 1983. Prior to that, she served as dean of the UT Austin Division of General and Comparative Studies. She taught at Barnard College, Sarah Lawrence College, MIT, Georgetown University, American University, and the University of Cambridge. Dean Rostow, who until her passing in 2007, served as Stiles Professor Emerita in American Studies and Professor of Government at the LBJ School where she taught courses on the American presidency and U.S. foreign policy.

#### **Criteria**

The Elspeth D. Rostow Memorial Graduate Fellowship annually recognizes students who actively engage in opportunities to serve the public while pursuing an LBJ Master's degree. The fellowship is awarded on a competitive basis to one second-year student who has demonstrated a superior commitment to public service through his or her work (campus leadership, volunteer work, internship, and employment) in communities – local, domestic, and abroad.

#### **Eligibility**

To be considered for this fellowship, applicants must be degree-seeking master's students who have completed one year of full-time study at the LBJ School with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

#### **Award**

The fellowship award is a one-time payment of \$3,000. One student will be chosen to receive the full award annually.

#### **When to Apply**

The deadline for submission will be each year in mid-November. The exact deadline will be announced in late October.

#### **How to Apply**

1. Complete the Elspeth D. Rostow Memorial Graduate Fellowship application.
2. Submit a one-page statement describing your public service related commitments since enrolling in the LBJ School. Your statement should describe the needs of the community served, how the project pursued addressed those needs, the role you personally played in the public service activities, and the time commitment of the activity, and;
3. A current resume.