

## **The Baines Report Editorial Fellowship**

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

*The Barbara Jordan Baines Report Fellowship is designed to give master's students an opportunity to gain skills in news and storytelling, running a publication devoted entirely to policy and the LBJ School student experience. As Editor in Chief of The Baines Report, students will lead all aspects of content creation, research, reporting and editing, as well as have the opportunity to manage a team of student reporters or guest writers. Students will receive \$750 per semester and must reapply each semester. In addition to the \$750, students will receive \$500 towards travel to attend the Journal of Public and International Affairs (JPIA) reading weekend. Applications will only be accepted for spring and fall.*

#### **Criteria**

The Baines Report Fellowship supports a master's student pursuing skills in writing about public policy and experience in news media and content creation. Preference will be given to applicants with prior writing or journalism experience.

#### **Eligibility**

All currently enrolled full-time LBJ School Master's students who are in good academic standing are eligible to apply.

#### **Award**

The Editor in Chief is eligible to receive \$750 per semester. The fall deadline for submission of requirements for performance evaluation is December 1st. The spring deadline for submission of requirements for performance evaluation is May 1st. Payment will come shortly thereafter.

In addition, both the fall and spring fellowship awards provide \$500 towards travel to attend the [Journal of Public and International Affairs \(JPIA\)](#) reading weekend in February, contingent on JPIA's invitation. JPIA provides main meals and lodging.

**NOTE:** *During the course of the reading weekend, attendees review approximately 100 papers submitted by graduate students from around the world and choose a select number of submissions for publication in the journal. JPIA is a joint publication out of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).*

#### **When to Apply**

Deadlines for submission will be published online.

#### **How to Apply**

Apply using the common Current Student Endowed Fellowship Application form, located on the right side of this page. Students must also submit a current resume, a letter of interest, two writing samples and one well-planned story idea. Final candidates may be interviewed.

#### **Recipient Requirements**

*Students selected as Editor in Chief of Baines Report are required to do the following:*

- Meet monthly with the LBJ School's communications team to discuss content opportunities and receive any guidance as needed.

- **NOTE:** The communications team will not make editorial decisions on behalf of the Baines Report.
- Submit a budget request for the Baines Report organization to the Graduate Public Affairs Council (GPAC) each semester.
- Publish a minimum of 3 stories monthly.
- Manage a team of student reporters, crowd source stories or accept submissions as necessary; Recruit copy editors or copy edit stories.
- Manage or assign someone to manage the Baines Report social media channels; Consider posting at least once weekly.
- Submit proof of attending the Journal of Public and International Affairs (JPIA) reading weekend.
- Conduct onboarding training with the incoming Baines Report editor.
- Consider creating content around significant school events, such as the Barbara Jordan National Forum.
- Editors are encouraged to host one brownbag event per semester with the goal of helping the LBJ student body hone its writing skills. GPAC oversees and approves the event budget.
  - **NOTE:** The editors are encouraged to coordinate the event with the Director of the Writing Lab in the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions (OSAA).