

The Terrell Blodgett Fellowship for Government Services in Urban Management and Finance

Criteria for Eligibility and Award Information

The Terrell Blodgett Endowment for Government Services in Urban Management and Finance was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System in 1983 in honor of Terrell Blodgett, Mike Hogg Professor Emeritus in Urban Management. Professor Blodgett believes that citizens are most affected by governments when they live in cities and that the services provided by cities are vital to the well-being of Americans. Through this award, he hopes to encourage students to pursue careers in city management, which he believes is an exciting and challenging vocation.

Criteria

The Blodgett Fellowship supports a first-year student pursuing an internship in local government. Preference will be given to applicants intending to seek a career in city management or municipal finance.

Eligibility

To be considered for this fellowship, applicants must be degree-seeking master's students in good academic standing who have not yet completed their internship requirement.

Award

Blodgett Fellows receive an award package consisting of the following:

- A \$9,000 monetary award distributed in two payments... \$4,500 during the Summer and \$4,500 for the Fall semester.
- A \$1,000 stipend award to be paid during the Summer to pay toward expenses associated with attending the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) <https://tcmaconference.org/> ; and
- A \$2,000 stipend award to be paid during the Summer to pay toward expenses associated with attending the Fall International City-County Management Association (ICMA) annual conference. <https://icma.org/events/2018-104th-icma-annual-conference>
- Professional development opportunities including quarterly meetings, brown bags with guest speakers, and dinner with past fellows.

When to Apply

The deadline for submission will be each year in mid-April. The exact deadline will be published when internship fellowship applications open annually.

How to Apply

Applications for the Blodgett Fellowship will be accepted during the internship fellowship

application period. To apply, students must complete the LBJ Internship Fellowship application and turn it in along with their approved internship request form, a letter from the agency supervising the internship, a one-page essay on career goals, and a current resume.

Recipient Requirements

Students selected as a Blodgett Fellow are required to do the following:

- Write a “Thank you” letter to Mr. Terrell Blodgett for his generous support
- Become a member of TCMA and ICMA (costs covered by fellowship award)
- Maintain the Blodgett Fellows nonprofit corporation webpage (<http://www.blodgettfellows.org/>) by updating the content and keeping the information timely and accurate
- Attend as many sessions during the full TCMA and ICMA conferences, as is possible, and take notes for the creation and presentation of a brown bag event to occur with all other LBJ student conference attendees upon your return. You are encouraged to attend the keynote speaker addresses and special networking events.
- Meet with the LBJ School Communications Team for orientation on the requirements of taking pictures at the conference and social events and posting them to LBJ social media outlets.
- Conduct a brown bag, providing the names of a few sessions you attended, along with some bullet points covering the content of the sessions to share your experience with your audience. Please coordinate the scheduling of a brown bag with the Fellowship Specialist and the Career Resources Specialist.
- Assist the LBJ School, as needed, at conference booths and with Blodgett Fellow events.
- Spearhead the creation of an LBJ TCMA/ICMA organization student chapter.

In your “Thank you” letter, please provide some information about yourself and your internship in local government and describe the internship in which you were able to participate because of the award. “Thank you” letters must be sent to the Director of the Writing Lab at lbjwriting@austin.utexas.edu for review and final approval, prior to your submission of the final letter to the Fellowship Specialist. The letter can be placed in the fellowship box located in the OSAA lobby area.