



LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM FALL 2020





DESCRIPTION

The LBJ School of Public Affairs prepares students to be thinkers and doers. As part of this endeavor, we are offering semester-long structured opportunities for students to participate in service learning, defined as experiential education wherein students engage in direct action in their communities to produce social good.

Under the direction of the Office of Student Admissions and Affairs and the LBJ School Assistant Dean for Civic Engagement Dr. Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, we are offering all enrolled LBJ students the chance to participate in school-organized, group service learning activities once per semester. In addition, we are providing students who complete service learning projects to earn a certificate for their achievements.

Each service learning project will entail approximately 20 hours of work per student over the course of the semester, inclusive of time organizing, implementing and evaluating the service learning project. Students are responsible for participating in project organization meetings and submitting progress reports on a monthly basis to the Assistant Director of Professional Development's Office (Ms. Lauren Berryhill). At the end of the service learning project, students will provide a one-page reflection memo on their experience and participate in a video interview conducted by the LBJ School Communications Team. Students may complete more than one service learning project, and will earn a Dean's certificate for each specific service learning project they complete.



GENERAL STRUCTURE

TIME COMMITMENT:

20 hours by Nov. 6

FORMAT:

In Person or Virtual

GROUP MEETINGS:

Sept. 18 at noon

Oct. 23 at 1pm

Nov. 6 at 1pm

Screening/discussion of One Vote on Sept. 30

TIMESHEET:

Fill out weekly and submit by Nov. 6

DELIVERABLE:

LinkedIn Blog/Article, 3-5 minute video or one-page reflection memo by Nov. 20



IN PERSON POLL WORKING

01

Sign up with Power the Polls:
<https://www.powerthepolls.org/?source=UTLBJ>

02

Make sure to follow instructions and complete the sign-up process with your county

03

Each county/state has different processes, time commitments, and training structure

04

You will be contacted by a Power the Polls partner within one week of signing up

05

Travis County Poll Worker Info:

- Must be available to work all of election day (6am-8pm)
- Virtual training approx. 4 hours
- Compensation ranges \$10-12 per hour



VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

01

Pitch your ideas on the sign-up form

- Ideas must focus on polling, voter registration, and/or voter turnout

02

Students can work with multiple organizations or ideas but total time commitment must add to 20 hours (including group meetings and film screening)

03

Ideas include:

- Be a volunteer deputy registrar: <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters/volunteer-deputy-registrars>
- VoteFwd: adopting voters to mail letters encouraging them to vote: <https://votefwd.org/>
- Rock the Vote: <https://www.rockthevote.org>
- League of Women Voters: <https://www.lwv.org/>
- Mi Familia Vota: <https://www.mifamiliavota.org/>
- Recruit poll workers

04

Not sure what you want to do? Students will discuss ideas during the Sept. 18 meeting