Texas Lyceum Fellowship

The Texas Lyceum Fellowship offers LBJ School students an academically centered opportunity to develop research and analysis skills for future careers in public policy analysis. The Texas Lyceum is a historic, independent, non-partisan institution dedicated to cultivating young leaders by exploring key policy issues in Texas and to increasing current state leaders’ understanding of these issues. The Texas Lyceum Fellowship is part of the organization’s efforts to promote research-driven solutions at the highest levels of state government.

The LBJ student selected for the Texas Lyceum Fellowship will be expected to work under the supervision of the founding executive director of the China Public Policy Center (CPPC) to conduct research on Texas-China trade issues. Additionally, the student selected for the fellowship may be invited to share research at the Texas Lyceum’s fall meeting in Lubbock, Texas, a unique opportunity to represent the LBJ School and to network with Texas Lyceum directors and guests. The fellowship will take place primarily during the summer months (from approximately mid-May through mid-August, with the possibility of a presentation in October) and is contingent upon the student fulfilling the obligations and expectations described by the Texas Lyceum (see below for more information).

The Texas Lyceum Fellow will receive $5,000 to cover expenses associated with a summer research project, including but not limited to the possible trip to Lubbock in the fall. Additionally, this endeavor can count as fulfillment of the summer internship requirement students are expected to complete between their first and second year at the LBJ School.

Qualifications of Applicants
Applicants must be enrolled in their first year of study in the Master of Public Affairs or Master of Global Policy Studies at the LBJ School and be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and no course grade lower than a B.

Application and Selection Procedure
The deadline for selection will be May 6, 2018. All applications will be reviewed by the Lyceum Fellowship Committee, with selection based on the application materials listed in the following section.

Application Materials
Interested students should submit the following application materials:

1. Endowed Internship Fellowship Application
2. Current CV
3. Unofficial transcript: Applicants must submit an unofficial transcript verifying a final fall semester minimum grade point average of 3.0 and no final course grade lower than a B.
4. Essay: Applicants should prepare a 500-word essay responding to the Texas Lyceum 2018 summer fellowship question: Why is Chinese business, trade and investment important to the state of Texas?
5. Reference: Applicants should provide contact information for an LBJ School faculty member who can attest to the applicant’s research and analysis skills.

Fellowship Requirements
The Lyceum Fellow is expected to produce a policy brief or research paper by the conclusion of the fellowship. Additionally, the Fellow may be invited to share research at the Texas Lyceum’s fall meeting in Lubbock, Texas in late October, 2018. In the academic year following the completion of the fellowship, the Lyceum Fellow may be asked to meet with first-year LBJ School students interested in participating in the following summer’s fellowship opportunity. The Fellow may be asked to give a presentation and to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application and matriculation process.