

## SMU TOWER CENTER

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

#### **About:**

The John G. Tower Center offers research fellowships to SMU undergraduate students that emphasize **ability and interest in research on public policy, government, and international affairs**. Successful applicants will work closely with SMU faculty to contribute toward ongoing faculty research or develop their own, faculty-advised research project. Undergraduate fellows will be introduced to substantive issues, appropriate research methodologies and techniques, research design, and theory development.

**Funding:** Each fellow will receive a **stipend of \$5,000, distributed in 4 equal sums over 2 years**.

The fellow will be designated as one of four undergraduate fellowships:

- Edwin L. **Cox Fellowship**
- Al G. **Hill, Jr. Fellowship**
- Tom Bryant **Medders, Jr. Fellowship**
- Henry S. **Miller Fellowship**

Continuation of the stipend will depend upon satisfactory performance and progress on the research project.

#### **Requirements:**

1. **Application Form** to include:
  - a. **Unofficial Transcript** with a minimum GPA of 3.3.
  - b. **Two letters of recommendation from SMU faculty**.
    - i. One letter must be from a faculty member who agrees to serve as faculty advisor for the duration of the proposed research project.
    - ii. One letter must be from a faculty member who has taught the applicant.
  - c. **500–700-word research project proposal** (i.e. one page double-spaced) including the research project's objectives and applicant's motivations in seeking this fellowship.
  - d. **Resume**
2. Applicants must **be in the second semester of their sophomore year** and will serve as a **fellow during their junior and senior years**.

#### **Deliverables:**

- **Submit research** for participation in the **SMU Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation**