



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

## Masters of Public Administration™

### Texas Lyceum Fellowship Prospectus

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#### Objective

The Texas Lyceum Fellowship offers Texas Tech Students an academically-centered opportunity to develop research and analysis skills for future careers in public service and policy. The Texas Lyceum is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide leadership organization focused on identifying the state's next generation of leaders and providing a forum for civil discourse on important policy issues in Texas. The Texas Lyceum Fellowship helps this leadership organization promote research-driven solutions at the highest levels of state government.

The student selected for the Texas Lyceum Fellowship will be expected to work alongside a supervising MPA professor and share research findings at The Texas Lyceum's Quarterly Meeting on "*Texas Prisons: The Business of Incarceration*," which is September 10-12, 2020 in Beaumont, Texas. This is a unique opportunity for the selected fellow to represent the MPA program and network with Texas Lyceum Directors and Alumni, and guests. The fellowship will take place during the spring/summer months (April through August) and is contingent upon students fulfilling the obligations and expectations described by The Texas Lyceum. The fellow will be expected to deliver high-quality outputs from his or her fellowship experience.

The Texas Lyceum Fellow will be awarded \$5,000 for his or her research and analytic efforts. Additionally, if performed by a pre-service student, this endeavor can count as fulfillment of the MPA program's internship requirement that students are expected to complete between their first and second year.

#### Qualifications of Applicants

Applicants to the program must be enrolled as a first- or second-year student in the Master of Public Administration Program at Texas Tech University, have domestic policy interests, be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0, who have completed first-year curriculum requirements. Applicants with strong backgrounds in policy, economics, finance, and statistics will have priority in the selection process.

#### Application and Selection Procedure

Applications that satisfy the eligibility requirements are subsequently subjected to a multi-stage review process involving both internal evaluations by MPA faculty members and external evaluations by specialists with relevant expertise.

The Selection Committee, comprised of MPA faculty members and external evaluators will review applications and rank them based on the following criteria:

- Applicant's academic standing-15 points
- Applicants CV and cover letter-15 points
- Essay response- 25 points
- Letter of recommendation from a TTU MPA faculty member attesting to the applicant's demonstrated interest in the policy topic and research/analytical abilities related to this field- 15 points

## **Guidelines for Applicants**

Application Submission: Complete applications must be submitted via email to the MPA Graduate Coordinator (Ms. Era Ibarra email: [era.ibarra@ttu.edu](mailto:era.ibarra@ttu.edu)) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday March 27, 2020.

1. Cover Letter: Applicants should include a brief cover letter which may describe their interest in the specific policy topic and how the research opportunity fits into their professional development plans.
2. Applicant's CV: Applicants should include their CV with their application; however, undergraduate transcripts should not be included.
3. Essay Response: Applicants should prepare an essay responding to The Texas Lyceum 2020 fellowship question: *From a public policy perspective, what are the economic implications and consequences of mass incarceration in the state of Texas?* Statements should be two pages in length, single-spaced, and size 11 or 12 font.
4. Letter of Recommendation: The letter of recommendation should be from an instructor in a TTU MPA course who is not serving on the Selection Committee. Recommendation should be submitted by the instructor via e-mail or hard copy directly to the Graduate Coordinator of the TTU MPA Program.

## **Responsibilities of the 2020 Fellowship Participant**

### Production of Deliverables

The Texas Lyceum Fellow is expected to produce a rigorous academic policy brief by the conclusion of the fellowship commitment. The Texas Lyceum Fellow will conclude the fellowship by attending the Texas Lyceum's Quarterly Meeting on "*Texas Prisons: The Business of Incarceration*," which is September 10-12 in Beaumont, Texas. At this Texas Lyceum Meeting, the fellow will present his or her research and network with Texas Lyceum Directors and Alumni, and guests.

### Financial Management

The successful applicant to the Lyceum Fellowship will be awarded a sum of \$5,000 to cover expenses associated with their research project. The fellow is responsible for wise and careful use of the award funds. The awarded sum is the total of the fellowship's financial support; requests or claims in excess of this amount will not be honored.

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