# Communications Intern



Department: The University of Texas Education and Research Center at Laredo

Institution: The University of Texas System Administration

Location: In Person at 1937 E Bustamante St. Laredo, TX 78041

No. of Openings: 1

Hours per Week: 20 – 32 (negotiable) Work Schedule: Monday - Friday

Compensation: \$18/hr for undergraduate students

Start Date & Orientation: June 1, 2026 End Date: August 11, 2026

Housing: Interns are responsible for their own housing

Required for Application: Resume, Cover Letter, etc.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Benefits Eligible: No

### **About UT System**

For more than 140 years, The University of Texas System has improved the lives of Texans — and people all over the world — through education, health care, and research. The System consists of nine academic institutions, four health institutions, and The University of Texas System Administration. The institutions of the UT System employ more than 160,000 faculty, health care professionals, researchers, support staff, and student workers.

The UT System Administration is primarily based in Austin, Texas. It supports the missions of the System's 13 institutions by providing financial, legal, planning, purchasing, government relations, communications, development, and other central services. Serving a growing state, the UT System Administration strives to provide a welcoming, supportive work environment that embraces different perspectives - not only because it enables the organization to be stronger, creative, and thoughtful, but because it is the right thing to do. To that end, the UT System Administration embraces state laws on military and former foster children employment preferences.

**About The University of Texas Education and Research Center at Laredo** is a multi-institution teaching center that supports University of Texas institutions in the delivery of academic, research, clinical and community engagement activities in Laredo and the surrounding South Texas region.

#### **About the Internship**

The University of Texas System Internship (UTSI) is a paid 10-week program that dovetails project-based work experience with a robust professional development program, mentoring and opportunities for self-reflection.

#### **More Information**

#### **Program Goals**

- Contribute to UT student career development & success through real work experience
- Develop collaboration skills for our evolving workforce
- Offer hands-on experience in the student's field/function of study
- Provide a safe environment for professional development

#### **Learning Objectives**

Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills in (1) public speaking, (2) business writing, (3) interpersonal communication & emotional intelligence, (4) project management, (5) networking, and (6) media relations, (7) social

media, (8) team-based collaboration, as well as (9) enhance their understanding of the field of higher education.

## **Position Description**

This position will work closely with the communications and media relations team, under the supervision of the Program Manager, to provide communications, media relations and social media support for the UT Center at Laredo. The Communications Intern will contribute to the following:

- Media monitoring and assisting with creation of reports
- Social media monitoring, drafting and metrics reporting
- Web content support
- Any other duties as assigned

#### Qualifications

Currently enrolled as a rising junior or senior undergraduate student at one of the 13 UT System institutions

• Majoring in communications, public relations, journalism, or similar field

# **Knowledge, Skills & Abilities**

- Excellent writing, grammar, and proofreading skills
  Excellent communications and interpersonal skills
- · Ability to think creatively and objectively
- Understanding of how to develop and implement social media messaging across multiple platforms
- · Ability to work on tight deadlines
- Ability to stay on task with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented and proactive attitude

# **Working Conditions**

Work is performed in an office environment. Uses personal computer and other standard office equipment. Requires occasional travel, and evening or weekend hours. If remote, student must provide personal computer and WiFi.

# **Additional Requirements**

- <u>Professional Development Program (PDP)</u>: PDP sessions take place every Tuesday from 1-2:30PM CT. PDP sessions are *MANDATORY*. Students who will be taking classes or have other work/academic obligations at this time during the program dates should not apply.
- **Residency:** ALL interns & law clerks, including those working remotely, **must reside in the state of Texas** for the duration of the program.
- Intern & Law Clerk Summit: ALL interns and law clerks must be available to attend an in-person Orientation in Austin June 1-3 and an in-person Summit in Austin July 27-29. (Transportation and hotel accommodations are provided by UT System.)

This position is not eligible for employee benefits including, but not limited to, insurance, leave, holidays, and longevity pay. For information about eligibility, visit <u>Active Employees Eligibility</u>.

A background check will be conducted on candidates under final consideration. The background check may include any or all of the following: criminal history check, prior employment verification, education verification, professional references check, and motor vehicle records check. Background checks are conducted by third-party vendors. Upon request from the third-party vendor, candidates under final consideration must provide the required information for the background checks to be completed.

The University of Texas System Administration is committed to providing equal employment opportunity for all qualified applicants and employees in all terms and conditions of employment. U. T. System will provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons and will not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected by federal or state laws.

For information on accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please contact the Office of Talent and Innovation at oti@utsystem.edu.

Please direct questions to <a href="UTSI@utsystem.edu">UTSI@utsystem.edu</a>.